

Risk and Reward

Why Big Data needn't be a big problem for privacy

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These are exciting times



Electronic Healthcare Records...

Data

Public Health / **Disease Surveillance**

Disease Registries

Longitudinal

Genomics

Telehealth

Cohort Studies - Health is "Snapshots" or holistic, it abhors silos

People are partners in their healthcare too - data capture

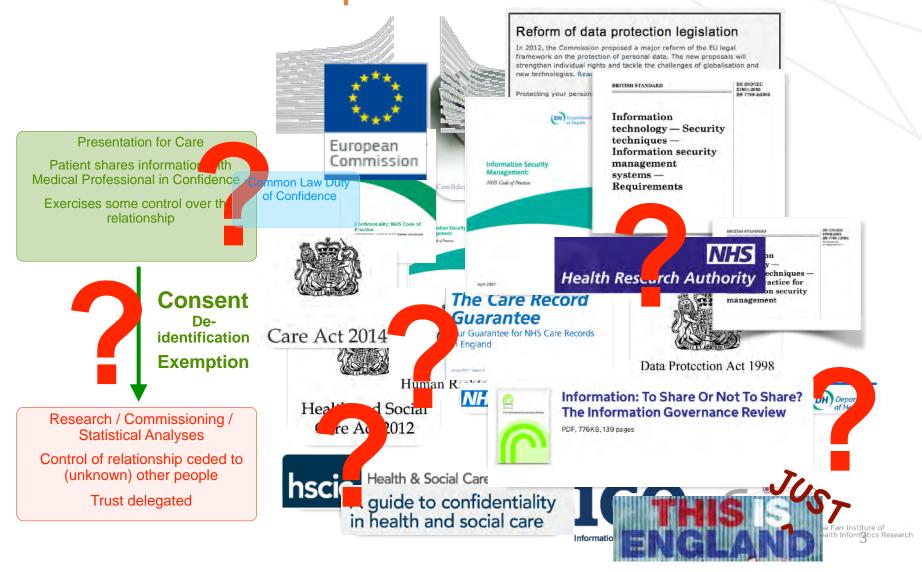




It's a

shared

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Is it working...?

NHS Trust fined £325,000 following data breach affecting thousands of patients and staff

News release: 1 June 2012

London NHS Trust fined £90,000 for serious data breach

News release: 21 May 2012

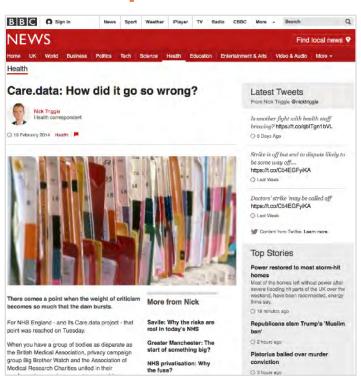
GP surgery manager prosecuted for illegally accessing patients' medical records







Realpolitik













RIP care.data...



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Risk - how do we handle it?

Identification of information assets records, databases, servers, disks, paper, people etc.

viruses

Worms/

Vulnerabilities weaknesses of the assets exposed when used (portability, accessibility, value...)

Threats - can exploit a vulnerability to attack an asset

Risk assessment - the likelihood that a threat exploits a vulnerability measured against the potential impact... Defines a mitigation strategy

to protect resources

Accidental disclosure

External attackers (hacker, privacy advocate, media)



Reputation and trust loss



Credentials from privileged users

Theft of hardware/

storage media

General Data Protection Regulation

- UK plans to implement it...
- What I like about it
 - individuals empowered with a sense of ownership?
 - local jurisdiction delegations
- NOT the panacea
 - recognises that each member state has its own challenges and traditions wrt confidentiality etc.
- Requirement for a Data Protection Impact Assessment

UK Farr Innovative Governance Group - what we have learned

- No Magic Bullet[1] and legal compliance is not enough social licence for research[2]
- From Data Safe Havens to Trusted Research Platforms a common view has emerged[3]
- Inform and share the governance challenge to foster trust it is in participants' and civic interest[3]
- Harms of data non-use[4]

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What we have learned - EMIF Common Codes of Practice



- Interoperate...
- No "thou shalts"
- More
 - "it is expected thats"
 - "it is your responsibility tos"
 - "we contract tos"





Wider Context - Understanding Relationships and Trust

Neither patient or practitioner may have envisaged wider uses when information first shared in confidence and neither necessarily know that it is being used elsewhere, de-identified or otherwise

Expectations unknown / misunderstood left in an unenviable position? Engagement?

"we don't quite understand what you are doing, so we don't know what to be worried about"

No such thing as total anonymity; not that useful for reuse?

Duty of confidence set aside by statute / regulatory bodies

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How do we mitigate risk, reap rewards and protect privacy?



"...Don't forget there is a person at the centre of this..." -Dele Olajide

Confidentiality overarches data protection - relationship protection

Trust is part of a relationship you cultivate and support by demonstrating trustworthiness, but only individual citizens can give or take away that trust

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How? Understand Human Relationships and expectations...





On the path to innovation gezelligheid / hygge / geselig / a user accueillante / business as unusual...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y38pgPY6Zq0



Thank You!

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