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Joining Instructions and Agenda Pack



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10 November 2025

Cardiff City Stadium

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Introduction

Welcome to the Wales Accord on the Sharing of Personal Information (WASPI) 20th Anniversary event joining instructions and agenda pack. This document has been prepared to tell you everything you need to know about our Collaboration, Culture, Celebration event on the 10th November.

2025 marks a significant milestone: the 20th anniversary of the WASPI framework. This special occasion provides a pivotal opportunity to reflect on, and celebrate, twenty years of dedicated, collaborative effort in advancing information sharing and the principles of information governance for the benefit of people in Wales.

The agenda has been developed to be engaging and relevant to all of our stakeholders, featuring industry leads in data protection and information governance, with keynote speeches from both the Information Commissioner and the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning.

The event will close with the WASPI 20 awards, which are intended to acknowledge the dedication of individuals, teams and initiatives who have championed WASPI and information sharing over the last 20 years.

We hope you can join us in this celebration, as we also look forward to what WASPI can do next to help strengthen the culture of information sharing in Wales, creating better outcomes for the people of Wales.

If you have any questions on the event, please contact the WASPI Service:

waspiservice@wales.nhs.uk

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Venue and date

The venue is: Ricoh Suite - Cardiff City Stadium, Leckwith Road, Cardiff, CF11 8AZ.

Coffee and registration will be available from 9.00am and the event will start at 9.30am.

Please note that access for delegates is via the main entrance.

Delegate Preparation

The event will focus on the importance of collaborative information sharing, reflecting on the notable impact the WASPI framework has had on service provision and collaboration across Wales and looking forward to the continuing development of WASPI.

Attendance at this event will provide you with the opportunity to hear from leading experts in data protection, speak to colleagues and stakeholders on information sharing and learn more about the WASPI framework and the impact it has had on information sharing in Wales.

A Networking Area provides you with the opportunity for to speak to key stakeholders who will be exhibiting, as well as engage in some interactive stands provided by the WASPI service.

Requirements and Accessibility

In order to attend, please register in advance [via this form](#). A form must be completed per attendee in order to attend.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you have any accessibility requirements, particularly dietary requirements or require assistance with any other issues around accessibility to the venue or participation in the event. This can be provided via the above form or, alternatively, you can contact us at waspiservice@wales.nhs.uk

Please note, photography is taking place at this event for promotional purposes. The photographs and recordings are likely to appear on our website and social media. If you would prefer not to be photographed, please let us know. For further information contact: waspiservice@wales.nhs.uk

Directions

Directions to the stadium are available [here](#)

Parking is available at the stadium grounds.

Agenda

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| 09.00 – 09.30 | Registration, refreshments and networking |
| 09.30 – 09.35 | Introduction and housekeeping Dave Parsons – WASPI Service, Digital Health and Care Wales |
| 09.35 – 09.50 | Opening remarks Welsh Government – Rebecca Evans MS, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning |
| 09.50 – 10.20 | Keynote - The role of the ICO and the Data Sharing Code of Practice John Edwards – Information Commissioner, ICO |
| 10-20 – 11.00 | The WASPI Story Dave Parsons – WASPI Service, Digital Health and Care Wales |
| 11.00 – 11.35 | Data Sharing across public services and connectivity with Health Darren Lloyd, Digital Health and Care Wales |
| 11.35 – 11.55 | Break and coffee, networking |
| 11.55 – 12.35 | Data Protection as an enabler Ibrahim Hasan – Director of Act Now |
| 12.35 – 13.00 | Data sharing powers and the Digital Economy Act Anna Bartlett-Avery – Welsh Government |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch and networking |
| 14.00 – 14.30 | “Do I need Consent?” Helen Thomas, Information Commissioner’s Office |
| 14.30 – 15.00 | Unlocking barriers to data sharing, Culture & Collaboration Adam Tuckett - NHS South, Central & West Commissioning Support Unit |
| 15.00 – 15.25 | WASPI – What’s Next WASPI Service – Digital Health and Care Wales |
| 15.25 – 15.50 | WASPI and the Information Sharing Gateway WASPI Service - Digital Health and Care Wales Mark Russell, South Wales Police Wayne Pritchard, HMPPS |
| 15.50 – 16.10 | Break and networking |

16:10 – 17:00 **WASPI Awards – Celebrating Two Decades of Collaborative Excellence**

17.00 – 17.10 Closing remarks

Dave Parsons – WASPI Service - Digital Health and Care Wales

Speaker Biographies



Rebecca Evans MS
Cabinet Secretary for Economy,
Energy and Planning

Rebecca Evans was first elected to the National Assembly for Wales in May 2011 to represent the Mid and West Wales region. In 2016 she became Assembly Member for Gower.

Rebecca received a degree in History from the University of Leeds, and a Master of Philosophy degree in Historical Studies from Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge. Before being elected, Rebecca worked in the third sector.

In June 2014, Rebecca was appointed Deputy Minister for Farming and Food, and in May 2016 she became Minister for Social Services and Public Health. In November 2017, she was appointed Minister for Housing and Regeneration, and in December 2018 she joined the Cabinet as Minister for Finance and Trefnydd.

On 13 May 2021 Rebecca was appointed Minister for Finance and Local Government. On 21 March 2024, Rebecca was appointed Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution & Cabinet Office.

Rebecca was appointed Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning on 11 September 2024.



John Edwards
Information Commissioner
Information Commissioner's Office

Since January 2022, John Edwards has served as the sixth UK Information Commissioner. Before this, he served as New Zealand's Privacy Commissioner for eight years, building an international reputation in data protection and privacy, including chairing the now Global Privacy Assembly. He also worked in a range of roles including as a policy advisor to the NZ Government, a lawyer for over 20 years in the public and private sector, and even had a stint as a mountaineer.

John's vision and mission is for the ICO to be a regulator that empowers people to share information for personal and public benefit, and for organisations to use information to invest and innovate in the digital economy safely.

As a whole economy regulator, John's laser focussed on delivering better, quicker and impactful regulatory interventions in AI and biometrics, children's privacy and AdTech and online tracking.

John's motto: *"We spend once at the centre prompting savings for thousands of businesses across the economy."*



Darren Lloyd
Associate Director of Information
Governance & Patient Safety
Digital Health & Care Wales

Darren Lloyd is the Associate Director for Information Governance and Patient Safety for (DHCW) and the formally recognised Data Protection Officer for the organisation.

Darren has worked extensively within centralised NHS Wales administration services for over 35 years.

Over the past 20 years has worked more exclusively within the areas of Data Protection and Information Governance compliance.



Dave Parsons
WASPI Code Manager
Digital Health & Care Wales

Dave Parsons is the Wales Accord on the Sharing of Personal Information Code Manager and has responsibility for the strategic development and operational implementation of the Wales Accord on the Sharing of Personal Information (WASPI) framework as well as delivering advice and support to DHCW and All-Wales projects and programmes and to other stakeholders in the health sector in Wales.

Dave has worked extensively within public services for over 20 years and has worked more exclusively within the areas of Data Protection and Information Governance for the past 20 years.



Helen Thomas
Senior Policy Officer
Information Commissioner's Office

Helen joined the ICO's team in Cardiff in January 2013, where her main areas of interest include health, education and central government.

Prior to that Helen was a civil servant for 17 years in Westminster and the Welsh Government, working mainly in health and sustainable development.



Anna Bartlett-Avery
Head of Data Ethics and Data Sharing
Welsh Government

Anna is Head of Data Ethics and Data Sharing in Welsh Government and is responsible for encouraging and improving data sharing across the public sector and the Digital Economy Act Data Sharing Review Board for Wales.

Anna has extensive experience with public sector data sharing, including supporting the response to the Covid-19 pandemic and more recently the Wales, a Nation of Sanctuary response to the war in Ukraine.



Ibrahim Hasan
Director of Act Now

Ibrahim Hasan is a lawyer and director of Act Now Training which is one of the UK's leading information law consultancies. His clients include local authorities, charities, schools and the wider education sector.

Ibrahim's publications include the Act Now GDPR Handbook, which is now in its second edition, and his articles which have been published in the Law Society Gazette and Solicitors Journal. He is a visiting lecturer on the LLM in Legal Tech at Middlesex University Dubai and has been interviewed on the BBC as an information law expert.



Adam Horton-Tuckett
NHS South, Central & West
Commissioning Support Unit

With 20 plus years' experience in Information Governance and Data Protection Adam has a wealth of knowledge including information related legislation, information security standards, NHS regulations and guidance.

Adam is particularly adept at enabling all levels of staff to understand and follow information governance requirements and identifying and implementing solutions to complex IG challenges.

Adam is a qualified practitioner in the General Data Protection Regulation and Freedom of Information Act and holds Information Security Lead Auditor and Foundation of AI certificates



Wayne Pritchard

Regional Information Security and Assurance Lead, HM Prison & Probation Service Wales (an executive agency of the Ministry of Justice)

Wayne's career in the Probation Service spans four decades, during which he has held key roles in performance and IT management. For the past 15 years, he has focused on information assurance, bringing deep expertise and strategic insight to the field. As the regional lead, Wayne plays a critical role in aligning Ministry of Justice security and data protection strategy with organizational objectives - ensuring regulatory compliance and cultivating a robust security culture of resilience and awareness across the region.

Having attended the first WASPI meeting back in 2005 Wayne has been a strong advocate of information sharing, partnership working and collaboration across the criminal justice system and the public sector.



Mark Russell

Information Governance Lead
South Wales Police

With almost 30 years' experience working in a busy police environment, Mark's role is vital in assuring South Wales Police maintain a high standard of data compliance. A member of the National Police Chiefs' Council's Data Sharing Steering Group, he helps shape national and local protocols that built trust and accountability between the police and partner agencies.

As Chair of the South Wales WASPI Quality Assurance Board, Mark is dedicated to promoting lawful, ethical and effective information sharing across public services in Wales. He champions the WASPI framework as a foundation for improved service delivery, safeguarding, and enabling better outcomes for service users through joined-up working.



Marcus Sandberg

Information Governance Assurance Manager (WASPI)
Digital Health & Care Wales

Marcus is Information Governance Assurance Manager and has worked within the WASPI team for over 7 years. He has overseen the major review of the framework in 2018 following the changes to data protection legislation, the review of the framework to reflect the changes to the ICO's Data Sharing Code of Practice and the development of the Code of Conduct.

In addition to his responsibility for the development, promotion and continued improvement of the WASPI framework, Marcus manages DHCW and All-Wales Information Governance functions as part of the DHCW Information Governance team.



Huw Pierce Pritchard
Information Governance Assurance
Manager (WASPI)
Digital Health & Care Wales

Huw has worked in a variety of public sector organisations across the UK in Information Governance leadership roles and joined DHCW from local government, where he was an Information Governance Manager and Data Protection Officer.

Huw is currently involved in developing the WASPI framework and engagement with key stakeholders.



Ben Tuckett
Information Governance Assurance
Officer (WASPI)
Digital Health & Care Wales

Ben supports the regional WASPI Quality Assurance groups and is the contact point for day-to-day WASPI matters.

Ben also helps maintain the WASPI site and provides general Information Governance support for DHCW.



Francess Iyere
Information Governance Support
Officer
Digital Health & Care Wales

Francess is an Information Governance Support Officer, responsible for supporting the day-to-day activities of the Information Governance Operational team within DHCW.

Francess also provides support to the NHS Wales Information Governance Management Advisory Group, a health organisation information governance group.



Hannah James
Information Governance Support
Officer
Digital Health & Care Wales

Hannah is an Information Governance Support Officer working primarily to support the development and implementation of the Information Sharing Gateway (ISG) within DHCW.

Hannah manages project-based tasks for the ISG such as developing planning documents, liaising with developers, and coordinating meetings, alongside assisting with more general operational-related information governance queries and tasks.

Exhibitors

The networking area will contain a number of stands for you to visit during the networking breaks throughout the day:

The Wales Accord on the Sharing of Personal Information (WASPI)



www.waspi.gov.wales

WASPI was launched twenty years ago to facilitate the effective and lawful sharing of personal information among services directly concerned with the health, education, safety, crime prevention, and social well-being of people in Wales.

Since then, the WASPI framework has been instrumental in breaking down barriers and fostering a culture of collaboration and trust, with over 800 organisations signed up to WASPI and almost 400 Information Sharing Protocols in place.

There will be interactive WASPI stands for you to engage with and gain valuable insights into the framework and its impact on information sharing in Wales.

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)



Information Commissioner's Office

ico.org.uk

As the UK's regulator for data protection and related legislation the ICO is pleased to support WASPI's 20th Anniversary.

The simple fact is that as the public sector increasingly explores the benefits that digitalisation, AI and data analytics can offer to users and providers of public services, data protection remains as central to the success of initiatives using personal information as it was 20 years ago when WASPI began.

Both WASPI and the ICO have evolved significantly throughout that period to reflect changing legislation and technological developments and remain allies in promoting good practice.

For more information about the role of ICO across the UK, plus access to our detailed guidance on the full range of legislation that we regulate, please see our website at ico.org.uk

The Information Sharing Gateway (ISG)



www.informationsharinggateway.org.uk

The Information Sharing Gateway (ISG) is a trusted digital platform that helps organisations create, approve, and manage information sharing arrangements with confidence. Designed to simplify governance and ensure compliance, the ISG provides a secure, user-friendly space for managing data sharing agreements, data protection impact assessments (DPIA) and information assets via the information asset register (IAR).

In partnership with Digital Health and Care Wales, the ISG data sharing template has been adapted to align with the Wales Accord on the Sharing of Personal Information (WASPI) giving WASPI organisations a framework-compliant solution tailored to their needs.

Our developments are community-driven, with recent collaborations such as, the Information Asset Register (IAR), improved sign-off workflows and the ISG modernisation plans all being shaped by user feedback. This ensures the platform continues to evolve alongside the real-world challenges faced by public sector organisations.

With a clear roadmap of innovation, the ISG remains committed to delivering the best digital solution for secure, collaborative, and future-ready information sharing processes.

ISG – Sharing Made Simple



www.actnow.org.uk

Act Now Training is Europe's leading provider of information governance training serving government organisations, local authorities, multi national corporations, financial institutions and corporate law firms.

Our associates have decades of information governance experience. We pride ourselves on delivering high quality training that is practical and makes the complex simple.

Our extensive programme ranges from short webinars and one day workshops through to higher level practitioner certificate courses delivered online or in the classroom.

Information and Records Management Society (IRMS)



www.irmsconference.org.uk

Join us for the IRMS Conference 2026 – the premier event for information professionals – taking place from 17–19 May at the stunning Celtic Manor Resort.

Attracting over 400 delegates from across sectors and across the UK and beyond, this unmissable event brings together records managers, data governance leaders, compliance experts, and more to explore the future of information management.

Our 2026 theme, The Celtic Collection: Curating the Past, Navigating the Future, invites delegates to reflect on the enduring value of heritage while embracing innovation. Through a powerful mix of keynote speakers, hands-on workshops, and real-world case studies, the conference will tackle today's most pressing challenges in data stewardship, ethical governance, and digital transformation.

Whether you're new to the field or a seasoned professional, the IRMS Conference offers inspiration, practical tools, and valuable networking in a dynamic, supportive environment.

Don't miss your chance to be part of the conversation shaping our information future.

Cybata



www.cybata.co.uk

www.cybata.co.uk/whatwouldyoudo

Cybata is a Welsh based data protection consultancy. We support organisations augment their internal resources or supply expertise not available in house.

Making AI, data and cyber conversations and learning interesting, engaging and inspiring has eluded organisations for a long time. Our AI, Data and Cyber game, What Would You Do? creates the conditions to change this situation.

This game breaks down barriers, raises digital literacy and improves engagement. It breaks away from the restrictions inherent with traditional and eLearning approaches.



The game helps;

- Integrate AI, data and cyber into every business conversation and decision
- DPOs better support their compliance challenges
- Raise digital literacy of staff at all levels including Risk & Audit committees, Senior Leadership Teams and in departments
- Data champions engage with their teams in an informal yet inspiring manner
- Improve the understanding of data and data sharing risk

At the event you'll be able to play a short form version of the game and learn about the online version.



<https://www.blakemorgan.co.uk/>

Blake Morgan is a full service law firm with expertise in government and data protection law, working with public sector, third sector and private sector clients both in Wales and in England.

Our experienced lawyers provide expert advice to public sector organisations across the UK on all aspects of data protection, privacy law, information governance, and freedom of information. We are proud to act for a wide range of public bodies, including Welsh Government, Senedd Cymru, NHS England, NHS Wales, DHCW, Local Health Boards in Wales, universities, higher education institutions, and numerous local authorities.

We deliver prompt, precise, and practical guidance, drawing on our deep understanding of legal issues from both within and outside the public sector. Our collaborative approach ensures tailored solutions that meet the specific legal needs of our clients.

We are also the only UK law firm accredited by the British Computer Society to deliver training leading to the prestigious BCS Practitioner Certificate in Data Protection.

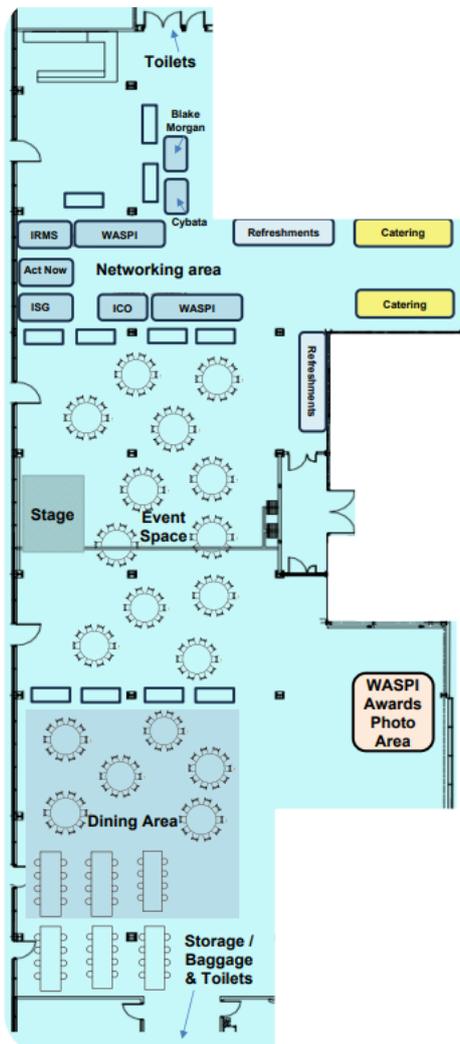
Floor plan

The below floor plan is provided to help attendees locate the key areas at the event.

This includes a separate room for storage and baggage.

Access for delegates is via the main entrance, and please follow the signs to Level 3 - Ricoh Suite. A member of staff will be on hand should you require directions. Access to Level 3 can be via the lift of stairs.

Please report to the registration area on arrival of Level 3 to be provided with your name badge.



We hope you enjoy the event, and look forward to welcoming you on the 10th November.