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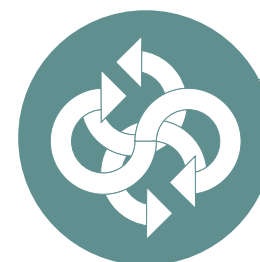Cytundeb Rhannu Gwybodaeth
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WASPI UPDATE

Welcome to our April newsletter.

There have been several developments in respect of the WASPI framework over recent months, with this current period a particularly important phase with our proposed WASPI ICO Code of Conduct available for stakeholder and public consultation.

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WASPI CODE OF CONDUCT CONSULTATION LAUNCH

Over the last three years, work has progressed on transitioning the Wales Accord on the Sharing of Personal Information (WASPI) framework into a potential Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) Code of Conduct.

The intended code builds upon the existing framework with the intention of offering members and their stakeholders, including the public, additional assurance around organisational practices of data sharing.

We want your views on the proposal for the WASPI framework to apply to become an approved Information Commissioners' Office (ICO) Code of Conduct under the provisions of article 40 of the UK General Data Protection Regulation.

This consultation sets out how the WASPI framework applying to become an approved ICO Code of Conduct would enhance the existing controls with increased application and consistency of data sharing activities as well as providing an assurance accountability of good governance.

The WASPI team has planned a full consultation, highlighting key forums, networks and targeted audiences who will be engaged for their views on the proposed code during the consultation period which runs until 28th April 2023.

Please provide your responses. These will shape the development of the proposed WASPI Code of Conduct and support any application to the Information Commissioners' Office.

www.gov.wales/wales-accord-sharing-personal-information-waspi-code-conduct

WASPI CODE OF CONDUCT LAUNCH EVENT

On 2nd March 2023 we held a consultation event on the proposed WASPI ICO Code of Conduct at the Cardiff City Stadium.

Thanks to our guest speakers from the Information Commissioner's Office, Blake Morgan and Welsh Government, and to everyone who took the time to attend.
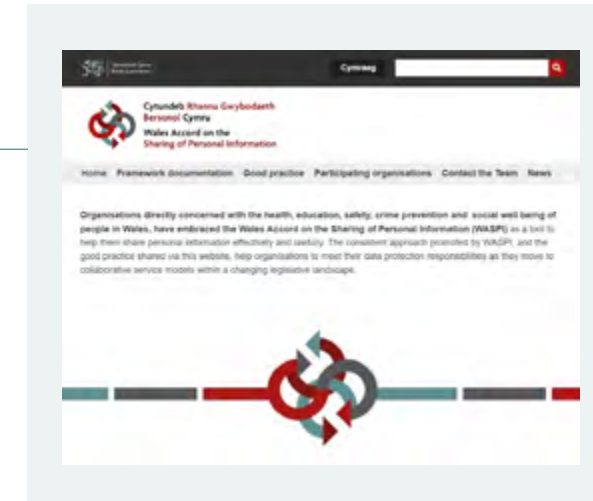
Fantastic feedback was provided from attendees which will form part of the consultation process and help shape final decisions on our proposals.

WASPI WEBSITE

You may have noticed that the WASPI website has been freshed over the past few months.

The website content remains the same with some updates made to the register of information sharing protocols. An additional register of "in development ISP's" is planned to be made available in the coming months. www.waspi.gov.wales

WASPI COVID-19 TEMPORARY ISP FEEDBACK

Thank you to everyone who took the time to reply to our survey regarding the WASPI COVID-19 Temporary Information Sharing Agreement template which was produced proactively by the WASPI team to support stakeholders' information sharing during the pandemic.

The survey responses support the benefits the template provided for stakeholders, providing organisations with a standard approach that created consistency, allowing stakeholders to document their data sharing activities quickly, and therefore focus other time on other urgent matters required during the pandemic.

The WASPI framework played a pivotal role is supporting documented data sharing throughout the covid-19 pandemic, with Wales being the only UK nation to have consistent documentation to support data sharing arrangements supporting citizens. A recent report from the Institute of Government, "Data sharing during coronavirus: lessons for government" holds up WASPI as an area of good practice.

The Institute of Government report can be found online: www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/publication/government-data-sharing-pandemic

A summary of the feedback received from the survey can be found online: www.waspi.gov.wales/files/waspi-covid-19-feedback/
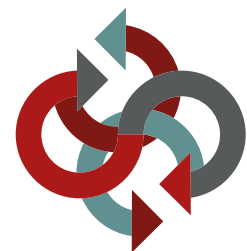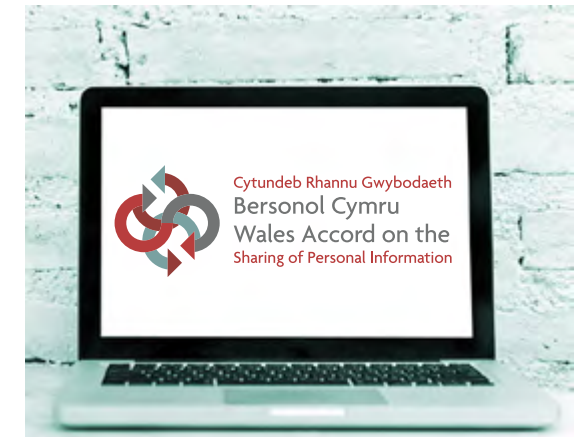
REGIONAL QUALITY ASSURANCE MEETINGS

A schedule of regional meetings for 2023 is now available:

www.waspi.gov.wales/good-practice/quality-assurance/regional-quality-assurance-group-schedule/

If there are any questions about ISP developments which may be planned to be submitted to any regional meetings in the coming months please do not hesitate to contact us or any of the regional chairs.

WASPI VIDEO

We still welcome views on any training video content you think may be helpful to support awareness of WASPI and the processes of creating and assuring Information Sharing Protocols. Please contact us with any views.

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