

WASPI UPDATE

Welcome to our November newsletter.

The WASPI framework has continued to progress over recent months, with the review of the Code of Conduct proposals, development of digital solutions to support organisations applying and monitoring compliance with WASPI arrangements, and the development of new templates under the WASPI framework.



WASPI CODE OF CONDUCT CONSULTATION UPDATE

Earlier this year WASPI undertook extensive public and stakeholder consultation on the proposed WASPI Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) Code of Conduct, a draft Executive Summary Report has been developed. The report summarises the positive feedback received

to the proposed code and addresses comments made by respondents. This report is intended to be finalised and published in the coming months and will outline the next steps that the WASPI service intends to take with these proposals.



ADDITIONAL WASPI TEMPLATES FOR JOINT CONTROLLER AND DATA PROCESSOR ARRANGEMENTS

Following feedback provided through previous surveys, as well as requests from stakeholders over the past 18 months, the WASPI team have been working with Blake Morgan LLP to consider the development of new templates which could be adopted under the WASPI framework standards. We believe these will help to enhance consistent Wales approaches to data protection standards.

We have developed a draft template Data Processing Agreement and Joint Controller Agreement. These are designed to support a range of organisations and are fully flexible as they would not be subject to WASPI quality assurance processes. In order to provide confidence that the templates will continue to be up to date we are committed to working with Blake Morgan LLP annually in reviewing these templates to ensure that they continue to meet legislative requirements.

Please note, these WASPI templates provided are designed to be used by a broad range of organisations that are signed up to the WASPI framework. As such, requests to personalise the templates we provide to suit your organisation or sector will not be taken on board. However, as these templates are not subject to the WASPI Quality Assurance process, organisations are free to adapt these, in agreement with the partner organisations involved in the information sharing, to suit their needs.

We would welcome your views on the proposed templates and would be grateful if you could complete **the short survey** before 13th November 2023.

Following a review of the feedback the WASPI team will produce final versions of these templates with associated guidance.

INFORMATION SHARING GATEWAY

In our last newsletter, we provided an update that Digital Health and Care Wales have procured a product called the Information Sharing Gateway (ISG), which is intended to help organisations develop and review WASPI information sharing agreement templates.

We are delighted to confirm that testing is planned with a small number of pilot organisations from early 2024 on the first phase of the Information Sharing Gateway (ISG) data sharing WASPI functionality.

Work continues to progress with developers on the functionality available within the ISG and we will provide further updates in due course.



WASPI "IN THE SPOTLIGHT"

We recently took part in a 'Data Sharing is not a barrier to sharing' data webinar through Data Cymru, joined by colleagues from Welsh Government and the Information Commissioner's Office. A recording of the webinar is available online.

For anyone who may have recently attended the Information Commissioner's Office Data Protection Practitioner's Conference you may have noticed a bitesize session on 'navigating the data sharing code and resource' which included a case study on WASPI and how this supports organisations with share personal information confidently and proportionately. The video is available on the ICO's website: **Bitesize sessions** | ICO

We are also very pleased to announce that the WASPI has been shortlisted for 'Privacy Team of the Year' and 'Governance Team of the Year' at the GRC World Forums Risk awards which celebrate global excellence in Governance, Risk and Compliance.







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