



London Health Data Strategy Independent Information Access Group - Minutes

Monday 21st July 2025 @ 14:00 to 14:40

Venue: TEAMS only

Attendees:

Name	Role	Organisation	IIAG Role
Graham Head	South East London Healthwatch and Data Usage Committee	South East London ICB	ICB Citizen Member & Interim Chair
Ian Colvin	GP, Islington GP Federation and NCL ICB Board Member of General Practice Provider Alliance	North Central London ICB	ICB Clinical Member
Caroline Law	Head of Information Governance and Data Protection Officer, Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust	North West London ICB	ICB Clinical Member
Susan Ashbourne		South West London ICB	ICB Citizen Member
Mark Agathangelou	Lived Experience Partner	North Central London ICB	ICB Citizen Member
Matt Laundry	Chief Clinical Information Officer	South West London ICB	ICB Clinical Member
Lizzie Wallman	Deputy Chief Nurse	South East London ICB	ICB Clinical Member
Bill Jenks	Digital Manager and North East London Strategic Information Governance Network Chair	North East London ICB	ICB Expert Member
Sanjay Gautama	Chief Clinical Information Officer	North West London Integrated Care Board and OneLondon	For Item 2
Mark Kewley	Programme Director	London Secure Data Environment for Research & Development	For Item 2
Anneka Hon	Communications Manager	Health Innovation Network – South London	For Item 2
James Friend	Director of Digital Strategy	NHS England - London Region	Secretary

Item 1: Apologies Given or Assumed

Name	Role	Organisation	Programme Role
To be Nominated / Recruited		North East London ICB	ICB Clinical Member
		North East London ICB	Expert Members
		North West London ICB	ICB Citizen Member

It was noted that recruitment to given roles had been impacted by the advent of the Model ICB template under the Government's reorganisation of the NHS. For example, North East London ICB have a consultation underway which completes at the end of July 2025 and there will be an opportunity for clarity on the way forward both on that and for wider ICB representation, given potential closer working between North Central London and North West London ICBs, at the next meeting. Healthwatch are similarly impacted.



Item 2: London Secure Data Environment Driver Projects

Sanjay Gautama and Mark Kewley introduced the details of the process being followed to recruit three new driver projects as set out in the paper circulated before the meeting.

The call for projects builds from the Citizens Forums recommendation to demonstrate the purpose of the Secure Data Environment (“SDE”) between direct care and clinical academic research. The projects are postulated to help identify the next data sets to be developed beyond the SDE minimum viable product and were always planned to take place as part of the testing and scaling up the SDE - as a soft rollout.

It was confirmed that the call for driver projects has been placed via by Biomedical Research Organisations, advertising by the Health Innovation Networks across London and placement on the OneLondon website from the middle of June and that a webinar was hosted with MedICS being the forum that links the universities and the integrated care systems in London.

The timetable for the driver projects agreement was questioned by IAG members, noting that given they are not the data controllers this will have an impact, as well any outcomes from the IAG reviews that indicate further coaching development is required for the driver project application. It was noted that it may be beneficial to send all driver project applications through to the IAG rather than short listing beyond whether the application is a valid one rather than risk some or all of three shortlisted applications being rejected by the IAG.

The relationship between the Secure Data Environment Network which will become a Secure Data Environment for the nation working closely with the Government policy team and the £1,000,000 funding secured from Wellcome alongside £5,000,000 worth of central government funding was clarified, noting the driver projects must respect the compact or agreements reached with data controllers and the public.

A slightly revised Information Access Request Form will be used and this will be circulated for IAG agreement prior to the next meeting noting that the changes are minor and the original template came through North West London ICB, was clinically assured as part of the development of the IAG Terms of Reference and has been previously reviewed for continuous improvement by the IAG members.

It was suggested that driver projects might ideally have a positive focus on opportunities to demonstrate the use of the data to close health inequality gaps.

Item 3: Items for Noting

The minutes from the previous meeting on 19th May 2025 were approved.

Item 4: Any Other Business

It was noted that there was at present no change to the role of ICB Data Controllers as no new legislation has been enacted but is currently being formally developed by the UK Parliament.

Dates of the next meeting:

15th September 2025: 14:00 – 15:00

Agenda items would include:

- Review of the London Secure Data Environment Driver Projects
- Implications of ICB developments, including reviewing the IIAG Terms of Reference for quoracy definition.