

Policy Perspective - provisional outcomes from the IG workshop

DH Informatics held a workshop on 14 Sept 2011 as part of a process of establishing a "roadmap" for information governance standards. It was a collaborative workshop involving about 18 people held in Leeds and London. The results of the process will be published in due course. The workshop sought to establish what IG standards were in place, in development or proposed for future development with a view to setting priorities for approval and adoption. The process has not finished but in relation to De-identification it was noted that one of the drivers is the "transparency agenda" which would benefit from a de-identification standard associated with publication of data / information. Noted that development work already underway by the Information Centre on a DH sponsored de-identification standard. There may be a need for more than one operational de-identification standard for different purposes.

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