



Data Security Protection Toolkit (DSPT) Update

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What is DSPT?

- The DSPT is an online self-assessment tool for data security which ensures that organisations have the right processes and practices in place to manage and hold data safely
- All organisations that process Health and Social Care data should complete the Data Security & Protection Toolkit (DSPT) as part of the Health and Social Care Act.



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Update

- NHSX have clarified that the DSPT waiver has been initially extended until **31st March 2021** (Including for NHS Mail)
- **All social care providers using NHS Mail must register with the DSPT (i.e. sign up and provide contact details) by 30th September 2020.** This will enable the DSPT team to more easily contact and support providers, including those operating under the waiver. No further action is required at this stage.
- In October 2020, a comprehensive programme of support for social care providers will be launched nationally to enable compliance with the 20/21 DSPT.
- Previously, providers could complete the DSPT at entry level and standards met level. This is being reviewed and update given shortly.

Next Steps

- Revised guidance on how providers register for the DSPT is expected on 14 August, and will be circulated.
- If you need to check whether your service has already completed the DSPT or have any questions at this stage then contact sam.varo@nhs.net