



24th March 2015

Our ref: **NIC-329967-K2H5F**

Dear Dr Bhatia,

Re: Information Request – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000

I can confirm that the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) has considered your request dated the 5th March 2015.

“My request is about Type 2 Objections (9Nu4).

1) When applied to the GP record, and when such an objection is eventually registered at the HSCIC, could you kindly confirm which - if any - of the following services, that affect a patient's direct care, will the 9Nu4 objection affect, by stopping any data flows required to ensure these services can, or continue, to be delivered:

- *The Electronic Prescription Service*
- *Choose & Book/e-Referrals*
- *The Summary Care Record*
- *GP2GP*
- *The NHS Cervical Screening programme*
- *The NHS Bowel Cancer Screening programme*
- *The NHS Breast Screening programme*
- *The NHS Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening programme*

2) When applied to the GP record, and when such an objection is eventually registered at the HSCIC, could you kindly confirm if • any• other NHS service(s), that would be ordinarily be regarded as part of a patient's direct care, would be affected by the Type 2, 9Nu4, objection, as a result of stopping any data flows required to ensure the service(s) can, or continue(s), to be delivered.”

Thank you for your request.

The HSCIC can confirm that when a type 2 objection code (i.e. codes 9Nu4, XaaVL, 881561000000100) is recorded in a GP record and extracted and implemented at the HSCIC it will not affect any of the following direct care services that you identified:

- The Electronic Prescription Service
- Choose & Book/e-Referrals
- The Summary Care Record
- GP2GP
- The NHS Cervical Screening programme
- The NHS Bowel Cancer Screening programme

- The NHS Breast Screening programme
- The NHS Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening programme

The HSCIC can also confirm that when a type 2 objection code (i.e. codes 9Nu4, XaaVL, 881561000000100) is recorded in a GP record and eventually registered at the HSCIC it will not affect data flows that are required for any other NHS services that can be regarded as for a patients' direct care.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the HSCIC website.

I trust you are satisfied with our response to your request for information. However, if you are not satisfied, you may request a review from a suitably qualified member of staff not involved in the initial query, via the enquiries@hscic.gov.uk e mail address or by post at the above postal address.

I will assume that your request to the organisation is now closed.

Yours sincerely,

Jessica Davenport
Higher Information Governance Officer

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