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Dear colleagues,

**To: Information Governance (IG) Leads**

As you are aware, there are delays in the publication of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) advice material by the Information Governance Alliance (IGA).

I am sorry for this delay and the IGA is working hard with other partners to try and ensure material is published as quickly as possible. However, we do acknowledge the need to consider not only the forthcoming [Article 29 Working Party](http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/just/item-detail.cfm?item_id=50083) guidance which will inform that which the ICO will produce but also the [DP Bill](https://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/dataprotection.html). This, upon approval may result in changes to advice provided.

As a result, following review the list below gives a revised picture of the current, anticipated, timeframe for publication. Please note this is subject to change. Where changed, we will update the IGA website.

* Published:-
  + [CEO briefing: the GDPR and Accountability for Data Protection](https://digital.nhs.uk/article/6921/Changes-to-Data-Protection-legislation-why-this-matters-to-you)
* December 2017 – February 2018
  + Frequently Asked Questions
  + What's New
  + The data protection officer
  + Transparency and subjects' rights
  + Social care awareness guidance
  + Data protection accountability and implementation priorities
  + Pseudonymisation
  + Lawful processing
  + Consent
* March – April 2018:-
  + Privacy by design and default
  + Personal data breaches and notification
  + Profiling and risk stratification
  + GDPR overview
  + GP Practice / primary care suite

There will also be advice materials published by the Health Research Authority (HRA) please check their [website](https://www.hra.nhs.uk/planning-and-improving-research/policies-standards-legislation/data-protection-and-information-governance/) for further details.

Whilst I would ask that you continue to utilise your existing IG networks for advice and guidance, I would also like to take this opportunity to commend the work that all IG leads are doing at this time. Not only in complying with the DP Bill (GDPR) but other legislation to protect patient’s information.

Please can I also highlight that due to the guidance delays, the IGA will publish some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on its website. If these are well received we will continue to utilise these as an avenue to assist the IG professional community regarding any significant GDPR concerns for the system. If you have any questions you feel would benefit from inclusion in the FAQs please send these to [england.dsp@nhs.net](mailto:england.dsp@nhs.net). Please be aware, we cannot guarantee all questions received can be included. We will try our best though.

Yours faithfully,

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