

Profession Advisory Group (PAG) – Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 29th September 2026

09:00 – 11:35

(Remote meeting via videoconference)

PAG MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Role:

GP Representative from the British Medical Association (BMA)

GP Representative from the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP)

NHS ENGLAND STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Name:	Role / Area:
Narissa Leyland	PAG Chair
Karen Myers (KM)	PAG Secretariat, Privacy, Transparency and Trust (PTT), Technology, Digital and Data
Terry Service (TW)	PAG Deputy Chair
Vicki Williams (VW)	PAG Secretariat, Privacy, Transparency and Trust (PTT), Technology, Digital and Data

PAG MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Role

GP Representative from the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP)

1	Welcome and Introductions: The PAG Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting.
2	Review of previous PAG minutes: The minutes of the PAG meeting on the 22 nd September 2026 were reviewed and were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.
3	Declaration of interests: There were no declarations of interest.
4. EXTERNAL DATA DISSEMINATION REQUESTS:	

4.1	NIC Number: NIC-812484-D0F5R-v0 Applicant Organisation: Genomics England OpenSAFELY Ref: AOS-2026-1066 Application Title: Genomics England adults programme: characterising current prescribing of drugs which have pharmacogenomic guidelines and associated outcomes in the NHS in England Outcome Points: the Group noted that this application was still under evaluation as not all the necessary information was available to make a full assessment.	
4.2	NIC Number: NIC-812486-T0C2N-v0 Applicant Organisation: Imperial College London OpenSAFELY Ref: AOS-2026-1067 Application Title: Pancreatic cancer-related healthcare Outcome Points: the Group noted that this application was still under evaluation as not all the necessary information was available to make a full assessment. ACTION Separate to the application: it was agreed to come back to a future PAG to discuss the process for those applications which are not supported / or require further input and how that interacts with the usual NHS England processes.	PAG / NL
5. WIDER PROFESSIONAL INSIGHT		
5.1	PAG ways of working review a) Profession Advice – finalised document review It was noted that one PAG ‘profession advice’ document was now finalised for onward dissemination: <i>Profession Advice – Transparency in Consented Data v1.0 final</i> ACTION for PAG Secretariat: to finalise the ‘profession advice’ documents, circulate and publish, where appropriate, on the PAG Webpage. It was agreed that now finalised, the four profession advice documents would be reviewed on a 6 monthly cycle. ACTION for PAG Secretariat: to add to the forward plan to review the four finalised documents in March 2026. PAG noted two profession advice documents with regard to the ‘National Data Opt-Opt (NDOO)’ and ‘coding model design in OpenSAFELY’ were still in draft and awaiting finalisation, and would be shared with NHS England in due course b) PAG Terms of Reference (ToR) The PAG ToR v1.0 was discussed and a number of amendments / edits were suggested and agreed, however prior to finalising the updated draft it was agreed that a further discussion was required between NHS England and the PAG with regard to succession	Sec Sec PAG

	planning and what that would look like, so that it could be reflected accurately in the PAG ToR. ACTION for PAG Secretariat: to add ‘succession planning’ to a future AGD agenda PAG Forward Planner review	Sec
c)	Due to time constraints this item was not discussed and agreed to be discussed at the next meeting of PAG. ACTION FOR PAG SECRETARIAT: to include on the 6 th October 2026 meeting agenda. PAG Action Log review	Sec
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6. CONFIDENTIAL ADVICE / BRIEFING SESSION		
There were no items discussed		
7. Any Other Business		
7.1	There were no items discussed	
Meeting Closure As there was no further business raised, the PAG Chair thanked attendees for their time and closed the meeting.		