Annex A

DoH DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT SCREENING EXERCISE

Please read chapter 4 of accompanying guidance before completing this exercise

Project Name: Consultation on Prototype Regional Obesity Management Service (ROMS)

Business Area: Branch: ROMS Team

Elective Care and Cancer Policy
Directorate

1. PROJECT SUMMARY

The Department of Health is consulting on its plans to introduce a prototype Regional Obesity Management Service (ROMS) in Northern Ireland. It is intended that this will include the provision of both preventative measures and active multidisciplinary weight loss strategies, including, where appropriate, bariatric surgery (weight loss surgery). The key objective of the ROMS is to achieve a significant risk reduction in the burden of obesity-related co-morbidities among the group of patients targeted in the service. It is intended that this will be achieved by facilitating significant and sustained weight reduction in the individuals and improvement in their long-term health. This will initially be introduced as a prototype model for a period of two years, at which point an evaluation will take place, with a view to further expansion.

2. STAKEHOLDERS

A range of stakeholders were involved in the development work taken forward by the Department in 2019. This included clinical representation across a range of professions, as well as individuals with lived experience. Further engagement with stakeholders has taken place in 2023 during the preparation of this consultation paper. The public consultation will likely result in responses from individual stakeholders such as doctors, nurses, mental health professionals, allied health professionals, people with lived experience and carers, as well as representative organisations, charities and professional bodies.

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3. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PERSONAL DATA INVOLVED

Personal data held will be the names and email addresses of those who respond to the consultation. This will likely include individuals responding in their professional roles, individuals responding on behalf of stakeholder organisations/bodies, and also individuals responding in a private capacity.

There is also the potential to receive consultation responses from individuals with lived experience who, in doing so, may choose to disclose information regarding their personal experiences. However, while this will serve to provide useful context to their response, the personal data provided will not be used elsewhere, specifically referenced or published. All personal data will be securely stored in accordance with Data Protection requirements.

4. PRIVACY ASSESSMENT						
Use this checklist to assess the project for privacy risks. The questions below will help you consider whether a DPIA is necessary.						
(i) Does the project/activity involve any of the following high risk processing?	Yes	No	If yes, explain your response			
Systematic or extensive profiling, evaluation or scoring		\boxtimes				
Large scale processing of sensitive data		\boxtimes				
Systematic monitoring of individuals		\boxtimes				
Use of new technology or novel use of existing technology		X				
Denial of an individuals' access to a service		\boxtimes				
Profiling of individuals on a large scale		\boxtimes				
Processing of biometric data		\boxtimes				
Processing of genetic data		\boxtimes				
Processing of sensitive data or data of a highly personal nature		×				
Combining, comparing or matching data obtained from multiple sources		X				
Invisible processing		\boxtimes				

Tracking geolocation or behaviour		\boxtimes			
Targeting of children or other vulnerable individuals		\boxtimes			
Risk of physical harm		\boxtimes			
If you answer yes to any of the questions in section 4 (i) above, it is likely that a DPIA will be automatically required. Consult the DoH Data Protection Officer for further advice.					
(ii) Does the project involve any of the following?	Yes	No	If yes, explain your response		
Automated decision-making with a legal or similar significant effect.		X			
Processing of data on a large scale.		\boxtimes			
A change to an existing policy, process or system that involves personal data (e.g. new legislation or policy that makes it compulsory to collect or disclose information).					
A change in location of a business area or branch (e.g. plans to centralise a service or an office move).					
A practice or activity that is listed on a risk register (e.g. activities listed on your business area's risk register or health and safety register).					
Collecting new information about an individual (e.g. gathering information about an individuals' location).					
A new way of gathering personal information (e.g. collecting information online rather than on paper forms).					
A change in the way personal information is stored or secured (e.g. cloud storage).		\boxtimes			
A change to how sensitive personal information is managed (e.g. moving health records to a new database).		\boxtimes			

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Transferring personal		\boxtimes	
information offshore (e.g.			
using a cloud based			
application to store data).			
A decision to retain personal		\boxtimes	
information for longer than			
previously kept (e.g. keeping			
information for 10 years when			
you previously only held it for			
7).			
Using information classed as		\boxtimes	
'special category data' (e.g.			
information about an			
individual's health).			
Using personal data already		\boxtimes	
held for a new purpose (e.g.	_		
to obtain customer profiles).			
Disclosing information to a		\boxtimes	
third party (e.g. following a	_	_	
request from a law			
enforcement agency to			
provide information for a			
particular purpose).			
Sharing or matching personal		\boxtimes	
information held by different			
organisations or in different			
datasets (e.g. combining data			
with other information held on			
systems or sharing			
information to enable			
organisations to provide			
services jointly).			
A change in policy that results		\boxtimes	
in people having less access			
to information that you hold			
about them (e.g. archiving			
documents after 6 months into			
a facility from which they			
cannot be easily retrieved).			
Establishing a new way of		\boxtimes	
identifying individuals (e.g. a		<u> </u>	
unique identifier, a biometric,			
or online identity system).			
Introducing a new system for		\boxtimes	
searching individuals'			
property, persons or premises			
(e.g. adopting a new policy of			
searching data on mobile			
phones that have been			
returned for upgrading).			
returned for apprauling).			

Surveillance, tracking or monitoring of movements, behaviour or communications (e.g. installing a new CCTV system or monitoring a member of staff's email account).		
Changes to premises impacting on private spaces where clients/staff may discuss personal data (e.g. changing the location of a reception desk where people may disclose personal details or relocating a branch where sensitive personal data is processed).	X	
New regulatory requirements that could lead to compliance action against individuals on the basis of information about them (e.g. adding a new medical condition to the requirements of a licence).		
Other privacy intrusions such as body searches, or intrusion into physical space.		
Additional Comments/Notes		

5. INITIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

If you answered 'Yes' to any of the questions in section 4, use the table below to give a rating - either Low (L), Medium (M), or High (H) – to each of the aspects of the project set out in the first column. If you answered 'No' to all the questions in section 4, move on to section 6.

Aspect of the Project	Rating (L, M or H)	
Level of personal data handling	L – Minimal personal information will be handled	
	M – A moderate amount of personal information (or information that could become personal information) will be handled	
	H – A significant amount of personal information (or information that could become personal information) will be handled	
Sensitivity of	L – The information is not sensitive	
information	M – The information may be considered to be, or may become, sensitive	
	H – The information is highly sensitive	
Significance of the changes	L – Only minor change to existing functions/activities	
	M – Substantial change to existing functions/activities; or a new initiative	
	H – Major overhaul of existing functions/activities; or a new initiative that's significantly different	
Interaction with third	L – No interaction with other agencies	
parties	M – Interaction with one or two other agencies	
	H – Extensive cross-agency (government) interaction or cross-sectional (non-government and government) interaction	
Public impact	L – Minimal impact on the organisation and individuals	
Шрасс	M – Some impact on individuals is likely due to changes to the handling of personal information; or the changes may raise public concern	
	H – High impact on individuals and the wider public; concerns over aspects of project or negative media interest is likely.	

6. SUMMARY OF PRIVACY IMPACT	
The privacy impact for this project has been assessed as:	
Low – There is little or no personal information involved; or the use of personal information is uncontroversial; or the risk of harm eventuating is negligible; or the change is minor and something that the individuals concerned would expect; or risks are fully mitigated.	⊠
Medium* – Some personal information is involved, and several low to medium risks have been identified	
High* – Sensitive personal information is involved, and several medium to high risks have been identified	
Reduced risk – The project will lessen existing privacy risks	
Inadequate information – More information and analysis is needed to fully assess the privacy impact of the project.	
Briefly summarise reasons for the rating given	
While some personal information will be held it is unlikely that it will be a significant amount or sensitive in nature. The expectation is that we will hold only names and contact details which have been freely given by the people involved.	

^{*} If you have assessed the privacy impact as medium or high, a DPIA must be carried out.

7. RECOMMENDATION					
A full data protection impact assessment is required					
A full data protection impact assessment is not required					
Reasons					
The Privacy impact for this consultation has been assessed as low risk.					
8. SIGN OFF Project Manager					
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Senior Responsible Owner/Information Asset Owner					
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