





Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership

Data Sharing Agreement (Tier Two)

Workstream: COVID-19 Intelligence

Addendum C – COVID Transmissions: Mass Testing Vaccinations and Events







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Addendum C – COVID Transmissions: Mass Testing, Vaccinations and Events

1. Overview

This Addendum sets out the further use of patient data for COVID Transmissions: Mass Testing, Vaccinations and Events.

This Addendum should be read in conjunction with the following documents:

Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership:

- Tier Zero Memorandum of Understanding
- Tier One Data Sharing Agreement Standards

Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership: Workstream: Combined Information for Population Health Action (CIPHA) COVID-19 Intelligence:

- Data Sharing Agreement (Tier Two) COVID-19 Intelligence
- Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)
- Addendum A Flu and Pandemic Covid-19 Vaccinations
- Addendum B Covid-19 Vaccination NIMS

The DPIA below is specifically for: COVID Transmissions: Mass Testing Vaccinations and Events



2. DAAG CIPHA Access Request

The document embedded below is the CIPHA Access Request for:

COVID Transmissions: Mass Testing, Vaccinations and Events



3. Summary and Project Benefits

It is essential to link test and trace contact data to mass testing and vaccinations data in order to answer the following questions:

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- 1. Is there any evidence that people with a lateral flow positive infect fewer people than those detected by PCR only (because they were asymptomatic and so transmission chains were broken)?
- 2. Is there any evidence that people with negative LFT's in the days before a positive PCR infect more people than those without a negative LFT? (i.e., is there any harm to a negative LFT in terms of what might appear to be less strict adherence to the distancing rules)
- 3. Is there any evidence that people with a series of LFT tests before a positive PCR infect fewer people (since they are caught earlier, and so transmission chains broken)?
- 4. Is there evidence that vaccinated individuals are less likely to transmit COVID-19, or to catch if from infected contacts?

Debate about each of the study questions is widespread, and Cheshire and Merseyside are in a unique position with the CIPHA resource to provide answers to these questions, informing both local COVID response and feeding into relevant SAGE committees. The evaluations performed will help guide future response and testing/vaccination strategies.

4. UK GDPR Legal Basis to Process Patient Data

For COVID Transmissions: Mass Testing, Vaccinations and Events, the Legal Basis under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is as follows:

- 6 (1) (c) processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject
- 6 (1) (e) Necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller
- 9 (2) (h) Necessary for the purposes of preventive or occupational medicine, for the assessment of the working capacity of the employee, medical diagnosis, the provision of health or social care, or treatment or the management of health or social care systems and service.
- 9 (2) (i) Necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller.

5. Common Law Duty of Confidentiality

For COVID Transmissions: Mass Testing and Vaccinations - the Common Law Duty of Confidentiality is set aside by the COPI Notice.

6. Further Information

For further information please see the following websites:

Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership https://www.cheshireandmerseysidepartnership.co.uk/about-us/

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