

Identifiable Data Handling Project: Presentation to DMP-SS Steering Group

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- Status of the Project
- The Need for a Secure Data Handling Policy
- Impact and Synergies

Who's involved?

- Sponsored by UCL's School of Life and Medical Sciences
- Advanced Information Services Centre (part of UCL's IS Division)
- Information Governance managers from UCL's NHS partners
- Researchers and Support staff at R&D Offices

Scope

- Address gaps in UCL Policy
- Providing a technical UCL "Identifiable data handling solution"
- Collaborate on Data sharing Policy with NHS organisations
- Provide a template System Level Security Policy (SLSP) for researchers

Status

- Consultation and Stakeholder groups in place
- Policy and Template drafts
- Work with Pilot research units to check practicalities
- Technical options being explored

What's involved?

- Ensure there is mandatory compliance with appropriate consent mechanisms for sensitive data
- Ensure there is departmental IT involvement in a risk assessment at the initiation of a research project or study
- Ensure best practice security appropriate to the data security classification
- Ensure UCL departments maintain a formal standardised record of secure PID assets
- Ensure researchers trained in handling PID and designing systems to manage it
- Ensure there are trained departmental IT staff to support researchers
- Ensure we can present evidence of compliance

Benefit to UCLs IT Services:

- Additional material on safeguards for sensitive personal data and data sharing
- Improve skills of IT in supporting research data security
- Use ISO27001 approach
- Scalable work with other UCL SLMS programmes

Synergy to Government Agenda

- Academic Health Science Partnership – clinical collaboration
- Data Protection Act - Personal Information Security Risks
- Permit NHS data use – Information Governance Toolkit

Research Governance and Ethics

- Best practice Safety/Security Evidence for Ethical approval
- Planned Data Management - Data Sharing transparency

How does the System Level Security Policy document and the Data Management plan relate?