



Better Security, Better Care

Expression of interest to learn from other sectors using DSPT (including dentists, pharmacies, opticians)

Background

Better Security, Better Care is a national programme to improve data and cyber security in the adult social care provider sector. It is led by a programme board whose members include NHSX, NHS Digital, NHS England and Improvement, the Local Government Association, the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services and, on behalf of the care provider sector, [Digital Social Care](#). You can find more about the programme [here](#).

The BSBC programme supports the sector with resources and assistance to help care providers complete the Data Security & Protection Toolkit (DSPT). The DSPT is a free, online self-assessment for health and care providers to evaluate and improve their data and cyber security. It's an ambitious programme with the aim that all CQC registered adult social care services will have completed the DSPT to 'standards met'. The programme is delivered by a diverse group of care sector organisations, including many local care associations, with colleagues from the NHS, ADASS and local councils also involved.

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Reflecting the increased importance of the secure sharing of information between health and care services, the programme wishes to learn from other sectors using the DSPT such as dentists, pharmacies and opticians.

The project

We are providing grant funding for a discrete piece of work to investigate and learn from other sectors using DSPT to identify where there are opportunities for additional programme developments.

It is known that DSPT compliance amongst SMEs in other sectors such as dentists, pharmacies and opticians is significantly higher than in social care. This may be due to the fact that compliance has been required for NHS contractors for a number of years now.

It has been highlighted that some of these organisations are accessing Digital Social Care resources as a source of support to help them to be compliant and we wish to identify whether there are further sources of support that are being used which could also be helpful for care providers.

Anticipated outcomes:

1. Design and carry out a survey of SME healthcare providers, including dentists, pharmacies and opticians, who have published DSPT to at least 'standards met'.
2. Contact relevant trade associations and bodies to establish what work or funding was done to achieve compliance in their sector.
3. Examine the findings and provide a set of recommendations to be delivered to the Better Security, Better Care programme board.

Timescales

EOI deadline	19th November 2021
Application review and clarifications	w/c 22nd November 2021
Grant awards	26th November 2021
Projects go live	6th December 2021

All work on this project must be completed by **31st March 2022**

The maximum available budget for this work is £10,000

Expression of Interest

should include the following information:

- Company details.
- A brief summary of relevant experience.

- A brief summary of how you would undertake this work and the process you would propose to follow.
- Brief project plan with timescales
- Your price for completing this work with a budget for the project

Expressions of interest will be reviewed by a group which may include representatives from any of the programme partners listed in the background given above.

The submissions scoring will be weighted towards those who can demonstrate relevant experience in the social care sector.

Experience	50%
Project Delivery	30%
Budget	20%

Expression of Interest form

Organisation and contact information	
Name of organisation	
Contact name	
Role in organisation	
Phone number	
E-mail address	
Postal address	
What type of organisation are you? For example, a company, a registered charity, a local council? Please give any company, charity or other registered numbers.	

Organisation Experience	
A brief description of your organisation's main activities: 300 words	
Give examples of similar projects your organisation has completed: 750 words	

Project Delivery

<p>How will you achieve the outcomes of this project? Please detail the activities you will undertake for this project</p> <p>750 words</p>	
<p>Will you subcontract any part of this work? If so who with and what role will they play in the project?</p> <p>250 words</p>	
<p>Please include a project plan as an appendix to this application – no word limit</p>	

<p>Please summarise your proposed project budget and confirm the amount of funding you are seeking</p>	
Budget heading	Amount
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	
AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED (IF DIFFERENT)	

Authorised representative of the organisation making this application	
<p>I confirm that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have read and understood the Expressions of Interest guidance above. • I am authorised to make this expression of interest on behalf of my organisation. • The information given is, to the best of my knowledge, true and complete. • I agree that the information I have provided in this form may, for the purposes of considering my organisation's interest in this programme, be shared with and processed by the Programme Partners¹, the Institute of Public Care at Oxford Brookes University and the RNHA's Programme Manager. 	
Signed	
Name	
Date	

¹ The Registered Nursing Home Association (RNHA), the Local Government Association, NHSX and NHS Digital.