Information Sharing and Security Programme

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The overriding challenge for local public services continues to be the response to budget cuts, increasing demand for services (in particular adult social care), opportunities created by the devolution of powers and more broadly the health & social care integration agenda.

Individuals are being asked by organisations to trust them with more and more data, to drive efficiency and innovation. This is in the context of data protection reform which brings with it, increased rights for the individual.

In addition, the last 12 months has also seen an increase in cyber-attacks and so organisations need to ensure that the personal data they hold is safe, secure and, only shared where this is appropriate. iNetwork has responded to this and has worked with external partners to deliver activities to increase cyber security resilience and respond to a regime of data protection reform.

Priorities and Objectives

Strengthening and Supporting Information Leadership: This priority bolsters leadership in iNetwork member organisations with the aim to increase influence and strengthen our voice to positively impact government policy and programmes.

Improving Cyber Security and Resilience amongst iNetwork member organisations: This priority promotes increased engagement across iNetwork membership in the regional WARP (Warning, Advice and Reporting Point) which will facilitate the exchange of knowledge and information security intelligence across the membership. It will strengthen collaboration and communication across the region to improve situational awareness and organisational response readiness. It will lead to a reduction in the number of data breaches as a result of poor practice and cyber hacks or attacks.

Improving necessary and proportionate information sharing to support effective partnership working and person centred care: This priority is supported via the dissemination and/ or discussion of data protection reform, cyber security and resilience or government policy at events and via newsletters, etc. This will lead to greater awareness of relevant national guidance and government policy. Organisations will have greater capabilities to develop information management strategies to support new service models.

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