

NHS Digital Patient Data and Interoperability

Service definition



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Company overview

We're driven by technology and innovation, and by their ability to create meaningful change for organisations and the communities they serve. As a proudly independent and employee-owned consultancy, we bring together a diverse, highly skilled team who thrive on tackling complex challenges, working closely with our clients to deliver solutions that make a real difference.

We partner with organisations across multiple sectors, using data, AI and digital to help turn ambition into outcomes. Our work is recognised by leading industry bodies, reflecting our consistent focus on delivering clear, customer-centred results that stand up in the real world.

How we do it

With over 25 years of experience delivering digital transformation, Answer Digital supports organisations through complex change, with deep expertise in cloud-led delivery. We work in close partnership with our clients to innovate responsibly, embed best practice, and deliver outcomes that last.

Every engagement is different, so we build teams around the challenge, not a fixed model. We start by understanding the vision, the users, and the outcome that really matters. From there, we design solutions that fit your technology landscape, tools, roadmap and people.

Collaboration sits at the heart of how we work. We establish ways of working that are sustainable for teams, processes and practice, then iteratively design, build and test together. We continuously learn, refine and evolve, keeping a clear focus on delivering the right outcome, not just shipping technology.

NHS Digital Patient Data and Interoperability

Service description

We help NHS organisations connect local systems to national NHS services, enabling secure data sharing, identity, messaging and records access. We design, build and operate integrations across NHS Spine, national APIs and future platforms, ensuring compliance, interoperability and clinical safety while adapting to evolving national policy and services. Delivered using Answer Digital's agile, product-led engineering approach.

Features

- Flexible integration with NHS national services and emerging platforms
- Secure connectivity to NHS Spine and national API ecosystems
- Standards-based interoperability using HL7 FHIR and UK Core
- Data architecture aligned to Shared Care Records and future Single Patient Record
- Identity and access integration using NHS Login and IAM standards
- National messaging enablement via NHS Notify and approved channels
- Automated compliance with National Data Opt-Out and consent models
- Clinical safety management aligned to DCB0129 and DCB0160
- Integration patterns aligned to Federated Data Platform data consumption needs
- Ongoing support adapting integrations to evolving national policy

Benefits

- Accelerates connection to NHS national services without bespoke development
- Reduces integration risk using proven national standards and patterns
- Supports readiness for future Single Patient Record initiatives
- Improves data sharing across care settings and organisational boundaries
- Enables compliant data reuse for analytics and planning, including FDP
- Reduces operational overhead from manual data sharing processes
- Supports integrated care delivery across ICS and provider landscapes
- Improves clinical safety through assured, standards-aligned integrations
- Increases confidence in national interoperability and future change
- Delivers faster time to value for NHS digital transformation

Pricing

Answer Digital services are available for procurement through either Fixed Price or Time & Materials arrangements. Please refer to our Pricing Document and Rate Card for further details.

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