Notice to applicants on the collection of personal data

In accordance with the requirements of Department of Health, the personal data (as defined in the Data Protection Act 1998) that the applicant provided as part of the application process to access NHS CRS together with any personal data processed in relation to the applicant in support of their application is collected for the purpose of identifying the applicant and processing this application and evaluating the applicant for suitability as an authorised user; if accepted, to generate a personalised certificate and Smartcard for the authorised user and for the purpose of managing the applicant’s use of any NHS Care Records Service applications or applications that utilise NHS Care Records Service authentication.

In particular, this personal data will be used to validate and verify the applicant’s identity to ensure that the applicant is correctly identified and appropriately authorised for access. The personal data in relation to the applicant will be processed by local Registration Authority/Authorities and may be shared with other Registration Authorities for the purpose of processing this application, in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998 as amended and supplemented from time to time. This personal data may also be used to ensure that accurate information can be recorded regarding the applicant’s use of systems.

In accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, this personal data will neither be used nor disclosed for any other purpose other than where required by law, and will be retained in accordance with the Registration Authority’s data retention policy. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that their registered name is accurate and kept up-to-date. The applicant may contact their local Registration Authority or Sponsor in relation to any queries they may have in connection with this application.

By signing this declaration I, the applicant:

1. consent to the use of my personal data in the manner described in the "Notice to applicants on the collection of personal data" above. I also agree to provide any additional information and documentation required by the Registration Authority in order to verify my identity;

2. confirm that the information which I provide in the process of my application is accurate. I agree to notify my local Registration Authority immediately of any changes to this information;

3. agree that the Smartcard issued to me is the property of the NHS and I agree to use it only in the normal course of my employment or contract arrangement;

4. agree that I will check the operation of my Smartcard promptly after I receive it. This will ensure that I have been granted the correct access profiles. I also agree to notify my local Registration Authority promptly if I become aware of any problem with my
Smartcard or my access profiles;

5. acknowledge that I will keep my Smartcard private and secure and that I will not permit anybody else to use it or any session established with the NHS Care Records Service applications. I will not share my Passcodes with any other user. I will not make any electronic or written copies of my Passcodes (this includes function keys). I will take all reasonable steps to ensure that I always leave my workstation secure when I am not using it by removing my Smartcard. If I lose my Smartcard or if I suspect that it has been stolen or used by a third party I will report this to my local Registration Authority as soon as possible;

6. agree that I will only use my Smartcard, the NHS Care Records Service applications and all patient data in accordance with The NHS Confidentiality Code of Practice (www.dh.gov.uk site) and (where applicable) in accordance with my contract of employment or contract of provision for service (which ever is appropriate) and with any instructions relating to the NHS Care Records Service applications which are notified to me;

7. agree not to maliciously alter, neutralise, circumvent, tamper with or manipulate my Smartcard, NHS Care Records Service applications components or any access profiles given to me;

8. agree not to deliberately corrupt, invalidate, deface, damage or otherwise misuse any NHS Care Records Service applications or information stored by them. This includes but is not limited to the introduction of computer viruses or other malicious software that may cause disruption to the services or breaches in confidentiality;

9. acknowledge that my Smartcard may be revoked or my access profiles changed at any time without notice if I breach this Agreement; if I breach any guidance or instructions notified to me for the use of the NHS Care Records Service applications or if such revocation or change is necessary as a security precaution. I acknowledge that if I breach this Agreement this may be brought to the attention of my employer (or governing body in relation to independent contractors) who may then take appropriate action (including disciplinary proceedings and/or criminal prosecution);

10. agree that the Registration Authority's sole responsibility is for the administration of access profiles and the issue of Smartcards for the NHS Care Records Service applications. The Registration Authority is not responsible for the availability of the NHS Care Records Service applications or applications which use NHS Care Records Service authentication or the accuracy of any patient data;

11. acknowledge that I, or my employer, shall notify my local Registration Authority at any time should either wish to terminate this Agreement and to have my Smartcard revoked e.g. on cessation of my employment or contractual arrangement with health care organisations or other relevant change in my job role; and
12. acknowledge that these terms and conditions form a binding Agreement between myself and those organisations who have sponsored my role(s). I agree that this Agreement is governed by English law and that the English courts shall settle any dispute under this Agreement.