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Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to support the Information Security Policy and Account Management and Access Policy to provide a robust framework for the management of individual user accounts and access to Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's, information assets, networks, and equipment. This procedure does not apply to generic accounts. However, a data protection impact assessment must be undertaken to ensure the use of generic accounts is appropriate. If a data protection impact assessment has been undertaken, the risk assessment section must be reviewed and updated where appropriate.

The procedure defines the processes that should be in place for granting, modifying, removing, and reviewing user access privileges to Trust systems, in order to protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of confidential information.

Information Asset Owner	Insert system name here
Information Asset Administrator	Insert system name here

Policies

[Information Security Policy](#)

[Account Management and Access Policy](#)

Summary of Roles and Responsibilities

Roles	Responsibility
IAO - Information Asset Owners (IAOs) must be senior/responsible individuals involved in running the relevant business. Their role is to understand what information is held, what is added and what is removed, how information is moved, and who has access and why. As a result, they are able to understand and address risks to the information and ensure that information is fully used within the law for the public good. They provide a written judgement of the security and use of their asset annually to support the audit process. When carrying out a Data Protection Impact Assessment, we seek the advice of our Data Protection Officer who also monitors the process.	Will have overall accountability of the information asset. Will approve and present the annual report to SIRO to provide assurance on the information asset.
IAA - Information Asset Administrators ensure that Information Governance policies and procedures are followed, recognise actual or potential Information Governance security incidents and take steps to mitigate those risks,	Will comply with User Access Management procedures for their information asset. Are responsible for ensuring third-

<p>consult their Information Asset Owners on incident management, and ensure that information asset registers are accurate and up to date. When carrying out a Data Protection Impact Assessment, we seek the advice of our Data Protection Officer who also monitors the process.</p>	<p>party service providers of services and systems comply with User Access Management procedures.</p> <p>Are responsible for retaining a record of user access requests, approvals, terminations, and disabling for information assets for auditing purposes.</p> <p>Are responsible for documenting and retaining a record of user access reviews for auditing purposes.</p> <p>Will compile the report to SIRO and forward to the IAO for approval.</p>
<p>All staff including Medirest, Skanska, agency, suppliers and contractor colleagues</p>	<p>Are responsible for the protection of their individual account and password, must not share their password with anyone, or allow others to use their account in accordance with the information security policy.</p> <p>Will immediately change their password and/or notify IAA if they believe their account details have been disclosed or used by an unauthorised user.</p> <p>Will log out of their account or use screen lock when not present to prevent unauthorised access to their account.</p>
<p>Administrator – will usually have elevated access rights to the system in addition to a standard account</p>	<p>Are responsible for the protection of administrator account details and must not share administrator account details with unauthorised users.</p> <p>Will immediately change the account password and notify the IAA of the relevant information system if they believe an administrator account has been improperly disclosed or used by an unauthorised user.</p>

	Will only use administrator accounts for performing administration related duties and not business as usual activity. All non-administrator activities must be performed under the employee's standard user account.
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Escalation: All incidents or suspected breaches must be reported to the IAA and escalated to the IAO and Data Protection Officer as appropriate.

Granting User Access

Access is provided on a “need to know” and “least privilege” basis.

The principle of least privilege must be adopted that means users and applications should be granted access only to the data and operations they require to perform their jobs.

Access to **insert system name here** will be granted based on **((RBAC)** Role-based access control or similar, how do you determine access)

Requests for access to **insert system name here** are forwarded to **the IAA/IAO** who is responsible for approving new or amended requests for user access.

Third-party service providers must comply with the User Access Management Procedure and ensure that user access to information systems and data is granted only for individuals that have been authorised by the relevant IAO/IAA.

All access request and approvals must be documented and retained by the IAO for audit.

Modifying/ Movers User Access

Where an employee moves departments within the organisation, the previous line manager is responsible for revoking access to systems and must notify the IT/Service Desk within 1 working day.

IAA’s will ensure that when an employee changes role within the organisation, their access will be amended so that it reflects the new role and remove any unnecessary privileges.

Requests for changes to an individual's user access privileges for a system are to be forwarded to the **IAA.**

IAA /IAO is responsible for approving changes to user access for information systems.

Removal (leavers) of User Access - Account Termination

It is the responsibility of a leaver's line manager to notify IT/ Service Desk that a member of staff has left the organisation and the account is to be disabled, at least 5 days before an employee's departure.

Employees that are leaving, for any reason will have their user access disabled at the end of their employment unless an exemption is granted by the IAO.

Administrators will remove application specific access for the user account.

Suspension of User Access

The Trust reserves the right to revoke system privileges of any user at any time. Suspensions must be documented, with reasons and authorisation recorded.

Reviewing User Access

IAA's will conduct a user access review every decision **how often the access to systems to be reviewed** months (3 months as a maximum) to ensure that current access to systems and services are relevant and appropriate for individual users.

Annual comprehensive reviews are required for all information assets.

Reviews must be documented using the [User Access Review Template, Appendix A] and retained for audit.

Changes to user access for an information system identified as part of user access reviews should be performed by following the relevant procedures for modifying or terminating user access privileges.

Administrator Account Management (Privileged Accounts)

Administrator account details will only be disclosed to individuals who require this type of access based on their role.

Where possible, default administrator accounts for information systems should be disabled. If the account cannot be disabled, the account should be renamed and the default password should be changed immediately.

Requests for access to an administrator account must be authorised by the IAO.

Administrator accounts must only be used for performing administration-related activities. All non-administrator activities must be performed under the employee's user account.

Passwords for administrator accounts must be changed at least **to decide how often password needs to be changed** (6 months as a maximum) or immediately if a user with knowledge of the password leaves the Trust or no longer requires access to the account based on their role.

Administrator account access is to be reviewed quarterly .

Contractor/ Temporary Account Access

Contractors/ Temporary access will be assigned to a user account for temporary access to information systems this will be set to expire according to the expiry date agreed.

Inactive accounts (no activity for 3 months) must be automatically disabled.

Administrators/ IAA are responsible for removing application specific access for the account.

Report on Access Controls

A report on the access controls in place for the **insert system name here** will be provided by the IAO annually as part of the annual report to SIRO and must include:

- Summary of access reviews
- Incidents and breaches
- Actions taken and improvements made

Appendix A - User Access Review Form

This form is used to document the review of user access for systems and applications, in accordance with Information Governance standards. Complete all sections and retain for audit purposes.

Section 1: System/Application Details

System/Application Name	
Department/Service	
Information Asset Owner (IAO)	
Date of Review	

Section 2: User List and Access Details

List all users with current access, their roles, and review findings.

User Name	Current Role/Access	Review Decision (Retain/Remove/Change)	Reviewer Comments	Date Actioned

Section 3: Reviewer Details

Reviewer Name	
Reviewer Signature	
Date	

Section 4: Privileged Accounts Summary

Summarise privileged accounts and confirm review of elevated access.

Privileged Account	Current Holder	Review Decision	Comments