

NO PALANTIR IN THE NHS!

Possible Actions

Opting Out

Currently as a patient you can't opt out of your data being accessed by the FDP. This is the link to the NHSE information about the FDP and why it isn't covered by GDPR and hence why opting out from having your data included in the FDP is not possible.

[NHS England » NHS Federated Data Platform privacy notice](#)

You can however instruct your GP not to share your data for research and planning purposes. You do this by completing the Type 1 Opt Out form and posting or emailing it to your GP.

Action 1 – consider sending the Type 1 Opt out form to your GP and telling them that in the light of the Palantir contract you no longer trust the NHS with your data

This will have no adverse impact on your healthcare and does not affect communication between your GP and hospital.

Share Your Concerns With Your GPs

Your GP practice should have a Patient Participation Group. This is the link to Townhead Surgery's group. [Patient Participation Group \(PPG\) - Townhead Surgery](#).

Action 2 – consider contacting your GP practice and sharing concerns about Palantir via the PPG

Share Your Concerns With Your Hospital

Your local hospital "trust" will have a board of governors. There are governors for staff and for patients, with the patient governors each having a constituency. They work with the Non Executive Directors to hold the Board to account for decisions.

[Governors - Airedale NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[Our Council of Governors :: University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust](#)

The governors at Airedale can be reached via this email anhsft.governors@nhs.net and Lancaster via this one governors@mbht.nhs.uk

Action 3 – consider contacting the relevant governor at your local hospital to share your concerns about Palantir and ask them to raise this with the board.

Your local trust will have a Chairman and Chief Executive.

Westmorland General Hospital, Burton Road, Kendal LA9 7RG

Andrew Stephenson CBE, Chair Scott McLean Interim CEO

Airedale NHSFT Skipton Road, Steeton, West Yorkshire, BD20 6TD

Sarah Jones, Chair ‘Foluke Ajayi CEO

Action 4 – consider writing to your trust Chair and CEO. One letter copied to both would be fine. You could also copy in the governors. The more letters they get the better.

Trust boards in our experience would take notice of a demonstration at the hospital gates (observing all the usual rules of not obstructing access etc). The most impact would be had if this was 0730-0930 on a weekday morning. Consider an associated press release with photo

Action 5 – consider a demonstration outside your trust with a “No Palantir in the NHS banner”

Share Your Concerns With Your Local Health Commissioners

Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) commission health services in their area. They are a local part of NHSE. Effectively they are like the old Regional Health Authority.

“West Yorkshire ICB” includes Airedale, Craven, Bradford, Huddersfield, Halifax, Leeds and Wakefield:

[West Yorkshire NHS Integrated Care Board | Working in partnership](#)

Email westyorkshireics.governance@nhs.net

“Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB” covers Barrow, Lancaster, Kendal, Preston, Blackpool, Blackburn and Burnley:

[LSC Integrated Care Board :: Home](#)

Email lscicb.contactus@nhs.net

ICBs have a board and have public board meetings. You can submit questions ahead of a board meeting. You can attend the meetings in person or virtually. The next board

meetings for the West Yorkshire ICB is 24th March and for Lancashire and South Cumbria it is 19th March

[Submit a question to the Board :: West Yorkshire Health & Care Partnership](#)

[LSC Integrated Care Board :: The Board](#)

Action 6 – consider contacting your ICB and/or submitting a question for the next board meeting

Action 7 – consider a “No Palantir in the NHS” demonstration outside of the board meetings. Consider associated press release and photo

Share Your Concerns With Your MPs, The Health Secretary and the Prime Minister

Action 8 – Email your MP and/or Health Secretary Wes Streeting

Action 9 – Sign Zack Polanski’s Petition (on “38 Degrees”)

https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/stop-palantir-taking-over-our-public-services?source=web_share_api&utm_campaign=blast145615&utm_medium=socialshare&utm_source=web_share_api&share=64d0380a-3d43-4f04-9a8e-cb105f054f4a

Spread The Word

This campaign needs to grow. We all know lots of people and may be in local groups/ community WhatsApp groups etc.

Action 10 – Consider sharing the “What’s Wrong with Palantir in the NHS” document with everyone you know. You could then share this document with anyone who expressed interest.

Further Reading

[No Palantir in the NHS! Campaign Toolkit - Medact](#)

<https://www.972mag.com/lavender-ai-israeli-army-gaza/>

<https://corporatwatch.org/foi-requests-reveal-palantirs-nhs-fdp-rollout-failures/>

<https://shado-mag.com/articles/act/how-is-your-health-data-linked-to-israeli->

[occupation/#:~:text=The%20health%20of%20Palestinians%20has,psychological%20torture%20of%20Palestinian%20prisoners](#)

<https://corporatewatch.org/palantir-international-tech-despot/>

<https://corporatewatch.org/palantir-in-the-uk/>

<https://www.digitalhealth.net/2024/04/nhse-awards-8-5m-contract-to-kpmg-to-promote-adoption-of-fdp/>

<https://www.bmj.com/content/390/bmj.r2054>

https://www.bmj.com/content/386/bmj.q1712?utm_medium=internal&utm_source=trendmd

https://www.bmj.com/content/381/bmj.p1482?utm_medium=internal&utm_source=trendmd

<https://stat.medact.org/wp-uploads/2024/11/No-Palantir-in-the-NHS-Leaflet-2-v2.pdf>

<https://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/news/technology/pro-palestine-health-workers-blockade-nhse-over-palantir-contract/>

<https://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/news/technology/bma-has-no-faith-in-nhs-federated-data-platform-plans/>

Corruption in the Procurement Process

<https://www.bmj.com/content/392/bmj.s307>

The Good Law Project campaign

<https://goodlawproject.org/campaign/stop-palantir-in-the-nhs/>