

Data Sharing between SU's and Universities

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Background

- ▶ Prof Edward Peck (NTU VC) appointed in June 2022 by Minister Donelan
- ▶ Provide leadership, share best practice and promote innovation in student support
- ▶ Student mental health: what are the best ways of supporting students suffering with serious mental illness?
- ▶ Key issue: discrepancy between disclosure (5%)¹ vs prevalence (27% - 57%)²
- ▶ Issue is exacerbated by poor links with the NHS and complex systems of support

Recent Policy Developments

- ▶ Increased focus on student mental health = increased focus of universities
- ▶ Backdrop of growing resource requirement against tightening financial constraints
- ▶ LEARN Network and Duty of Care debate in Parliament
- ▶ New Taskforce
 - ▶ Adoption of good practice
 - ▶ Early warning/identification of student risk
 - ▶ National student suicide review
 - ▶ Compassionate communications and processes
- ▶ What role for SUs in this context?

HEP-SU Information Sharing Guide

- ▶ Problem:
 - ▶ Students falling between gaps between SUs and HEPs
 - ▶ Lack of formal process and trust between SUs and HEPs
 - ▶ Confusion around data protection and data sharing
- ▶ Provide guidance on how to share data between SU and HEP when there are serious concerns for a student's health, wellbeing or safety:
 - ▶ Advice Centres
 - ▶ Student-led Groups
 - ▶ SU physical spaces (e.g., bars)
 - ▶ Student death (particularly suicide)
- ▶ Specific recommendations and case studies (e.g., data sharing agreements, privacy notices)
- ▶ ICO position on data sharing and outline of data protection regulation

Task

In groups, work through these questions (20mins):

1. What are the key issues/barriers to data sharing between SUs and HEPs?
2. What are you doing with your partnered institution to improve data sharing?
3. What role should HEPs take on to improve data sharing or to increase trust?
4. What good practice/guidance would you like to see?

Thank you

If you have any examples of good practice, please tell us so we can incorporate them into the guidance.

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