Following feedback, we've been working with the RCGP, NHS England and the OpenSAFELY team to reduce the burden on Optum/EMIS Web and TPP/SystmOne practices in England in accepting the OpenSAFELY Data Provision Notice. Over 1000 practices have activated the service so far but we still have some way to go. (Note: Medicus practices are currently out of scope.)

The NHS England website has been updated this week with what we hope are clearer instructions:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-tools-and-services/data-services/opensafely/how-to-activate-access>

The good news is that we also now have agreement over a single national Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) which practices can note, reducing any need to construct their own. The Joint GP IT Committee reviews are now referenced within this national DPIA. No additional work is needed by practices. The national DPIA is available via the above web page.

There is also has a link to a 2-page "easy read" version of what OpenSAFELY is (<https://digital.nhs.uk/binaries/content/assets/website-assets/services/opensafely/the-nhs-opensafely-data-analytics-service.pdf>) including a link to a short video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GRjRqOAIVy8>).

All practices need to do now is activate the service, note the national DPIA, update their website privacy notice (suggested text is in the above web page) and update their Record of Processing Activity (ROPA).

Best wishes,

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