**Digital Social Care Records**

**Information for adult social care providers in North Central London**

**What is a Digital Social Care Record (DSCR)?**

A DSCR allows the real time digital recording of important information and care received by residents in adult social care settings, replacing traditional paper records.

NHSE has developed a [list of assured DSCR suppliers](https://www.digitalsocialcare.co.uk/social-care-technology/digital-social-care-records-dynamic-purchasing-system/accredited-supplier-list/) to help care providers select a DSCR solution, all of which have passed basic financial and security checks, comply with national standards, can help providers meet CQC regulations, and offer a suite of minimum features supporting care planning and data management.

**What support is available for care providers interested in adopting DSCR?**

The North Central London (NCL) Digital Social Care programme will provide the following to care providers interested in adopting DSCR from the assured supplier list:

* Funding to cover purchasing a DSCR and up to one year of running costs
* Guidance throughout the purchasing and transition process
* Hands-on support and bespoke training to integrate DSCR
* Digital Social Care programme support to implement other care technologies

**Why adopt a DSCR?**

By using a DSCR, care providers can improve the safety and quality of care, improve communication about care needs, save carers’ administrative time, and align their processes with CQC best practices and emerging digitisation standards.

**What will care providers have to do?**

Care providers interested in adopting a DSCR can contact the NCL Digital Social Care programme for support identifying requirements, understanding available options, and funding the purchase and running costs of a DSCR for up to one year. During this process, care providers will have to:

* Meet or receive support for [Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPT)](https://www.dsptoolkit.nhs.uk/) standards
* Work with the programme as needed to identify and address digital maturity needs (e.g. portable device access, network connectivity) prior to purchase
* Sign an MOU to take part in and receive funding, which will include commitment to purchasing, implementing, and funding the ongoing costs after Year 1 for the selected DSCR solution from the assured supplier list

**For more information and to get in touch about DSCR support, please contact NCL Digital Social Care at** [**nclicb.digitaladultsocialcare@nhs.net**](mailto:nclicb.digitaladultsocialcare@nhs.net)**.**