

## Summary of feedback from public consultation

The table below is a summary of the feedback received on the draft *Information sharing and privacy* resource and OVIC's response to the suggestions provided. The feedback has been organised based on the main sections on which feedback was provided. OVIC has also taken on board other minor feedback, such as typographical errors and suggestions for additional references, and made those changes where appropriate.

OVIC thanks all the organisations that provided feedback on the resource. Your feedback helps us ensure that the resources we develop are relevant for, and meet the needs of, the organisations we regulate.

	FEEDBACK	OVIC RESPONSE
<b>Length and structure</b>	A few organisations noted that the resource is lengthy and queried whether it could be condensed. Some organisations suggested incorporating the section on <i>'Examples of legislative information sharing schemes'</i> as an appendix to the resource.	OVIC has appended the section on <i>Examples of Information sharing schemes</i> to the end of the resource (Appendix B). OVIC acknowledges the resource is lengthy, however we believe it is important to cover each of these topics in this resource. The table of contents can be used for organisations to quickly refer to a specific topic of interest.
<b>Information Sharing Agreements</b>	There were a few suggestions related to developing additional resources on Information Sharing Agreements (ISAs). These suggestions included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>developing specific guidelines on ISAs</li> </ul>	OVIC took the view that creating additional guidance on ISAs is likely to result in resources that duplicate content already covered in Part 7 of the <i>Information sharing and privacy</i> resource.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• developing a fact sheet on ISAs</li> <li>• developing an ISA template</li> </ul>	<p>OVIC also considered it would be more appropriate for organisations to develop their own ISA as the agreement should be tailored to the circumstances of an organisation’s information sharing initiative; in some cases, certain matters discussed in Part 7 will not need to be included in an ISA, while in other cases, further details will be required in addition to those suggested in the resource.</p> <p>While the resource provides a non-exhaustive list of the content of an ISA, to provide further guidance on the structure of an ISA, the resource now also includes a link to a draft <a href="#">Data Sharing Agreement template</a> designed by the Office of the National Data Commissioner.</p>
<p><b>Examples, case study and flowchart</b></p>	<p>Most organisations noted that the examples and the case study were useful. However, it was also noted that the examples and case study may not reflect some of the complexities organisations may face when making decisions around sharing information.</p> <p>With regard to the flowchart, there were suggestions that the flowchart be included in the body of the resource. It was also suggested that the flowchart be made available as a separate document to make it more accessible and easier to read.</p>	<p>OVIC is working on developing an additional case study that captures some of the challenges organisations face when making decisions about sharing information. This case study will be included in an update to the resource.</p> <p>In addition to PDF, the resource will be available in HTML format on the OVIC website to make the flowchart more accessible and easier to read.</p>
<p><b>Health information</b></p>	<p>It was suggested that the resource include content on sharing health information as currently there is no similar resource discussing privacy considerations when sharing health information.</p>	<p>Given OVIC does not regulate the collection and handling of health information, it would not be appropriate for the resource to include guidance on sharing health information. However, OVIC has passed on this feedback</p>

		to the Office of the Health Complaints Commissioner for their consideration.
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