

Developers guidance

# Step 7: Follow the Caldicott Principles

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**This is **required** guidance**

It is legally required and it is an essential activity.

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- Health Research Authority (HRA)

**This Guide covers:**

- England



Follow the [8 Caldicott Principles](#) that make sure people's information is kept confidential and used appropriately.

Caldicott Guardians help their organisations make sure confidential information about health and social care is used ethically, legally and appropriately. Caldicott Guardians should provide leadership and informed advice on complex matters involving the use and sharing of patient and service user confidential information, especially in situations where there may be areas of legal or ethical ambiguity.

For more information about the types of organisations that should have a Caldicott Guardian, see the [National Data Guardian guidance on appointment of Caldicott Guardians](#). If your organisation does not have a Caldicott Guardian, you can contact the UK Caldicott Guardian Council: [ukcgcsecretariat@nhs.net](mailto:ukcgcsecretariat@nhs.net).