

Telephone Conference: CoC Drafting Sub-Group on Anonymization and Pseudonymization

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Summary Report

It was agreed that the aim of the Workshop on Anonymization would be to have an overview of the broadest possible approaches and methods with regards to the issue of anonymity, and then to explore whether approaches are workable in light of the GDPR. More than one approach and tool should be explored dependant on context and risk levels. The Workshop is an opportunity to explore innovative approaches regarding anonymization in the field of health research whilst safeguarding individuals.

A proposed agenda for the Workshop on Anonymization was developed, with key sessions being dedicated to:

- the legal framework of the GDPR in relation to anonymization and pseudonymization;
- classic and current approaches taken with regards to anonymization in conjunction with modern and innovative approaches; and
- the concept of relative anonymity where the link between anonymization and pseudonymization could be explored.

The aforementioned topics were discussed given the current ambiguities. Experts to be invited should be able to explain the above issues to Drafting Group on a conceptual level in order to find ways forward on anonymization when drafting the Code.
