

# Mastek achieves compliance with NHS Information Governance Toolkit

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There are a number of legal requirements surrounding information governance, particularly within public sector bodies such as the NHS, which the Department of Health has interpreted in a clear set of guidelines setting out how NHS organisations 'process' or handle information. It is NHS policy and a legal requirement for all NHS Trusts to comply with these guidelines. Providers such as Mastek, who work with the NHS, are also obliged to meet the same information governance standards, but as with trusts themselves, the current policy relies on a self-declaration. As a result, Mastek assessed itself against the entire IG Toolkit and declared Level 3 compliance. As part of the process, Mastek had to meet the following criteria:

- Prove that it has adequate governance in place to support the current and evolving Information Governance agenda
- Outline its ability to access expertise across the confidentiality & data protection assurance agenda and the information quality and records management agenda
- Assess staff training needs and ensure that specific information governance training is provided to all employees

The IG Toolkit was produced by the Department of Health to support trusts in demonstrating compliance. NHS Trusts were required to reach a minimum of Level 2 performance against these standards by March 2011. Despite this, a year on in March 2012, nearly 50% of NHS organisations were still non-compliant, meaning patient data is still at risk.

Dominic Carter, Business Development Director, Healthcare says, "Mastek's declaration of Level 3 compliance demonstrates our continued commitment to information governance. As a provider of solutions which support trusts in protecting Patient Identifiable Data, we decided to put ourselves through the IG Toolkit to reassure trusts that we treat these requirements with the utmost importance."

## About Mastek

Mastek is a publicly held (NSE: MASTEK; BSE: 523704) provider of enterprise-level technology services and software solutions for the public sector, financial services, retail and telecom industries. With 19 offices in eight countries, the company currently operates across the UK and Europe, as well as the United States, Canada, Asia-Pacific and the Middle East.

Mastek's core IT services portfolio is comprised of application development, management and testing, IT consulting, systems integration, data warehousing, and business intelligence. The company also offers its own range of powerful enterprise-grade products and platforms for the healthcare, local government and financial services sectors.

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