



The Digital Technology Assessment Criteria for Health and Social Care (DTAC)

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The assessment criteria is made up of five core components. Sections A and B will provide the assessors the context required to understand your product and support your evidence. The core assessment criteria is defined in section C1-C4. Section D details the key Usability and Accessibility principles required. Further frequently asked questions are available at the end of the document.

The core criteria in Section C will determine the overall success of the assessment of your product or service. The accompanying score provided from Section D will show the level of adherence to the NHS Service Standard.

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A. Company information - Non-assessed section

Information about your organisation and contact details.

Code	Question	Options
A1	Provide the name of your company	Diktamen
A2	Provide the name of your product	Diktamen
A3	Provide the type of product	Software as a Service (SaaS)
A4	Provide the name and job title of the individual who will be the key contact at your organisation	Jon Bjorklund - Vice President – Technology and development
A5	Provide the key contact's email address	jon.bjorklund@diktamen.com
A6	Provide the key contact's phone number	+358 50 4861140
A7	Provide the registered address of your company	Golden Cross House, 8 Duncannon Street, London, WC2N 4JF

A8	In which country is your organisation registered?	England
A9	If you have a Companies House registration in the UK please provide your number	14047865
A10	If applicable, when was your last assessment from the Care Quality Commission (CQC)?	Not applicable
A11	If applicable, provide your latest CQC report.	Not applicable

B. Value proposition - Non-assessed section


Please set out the context of the clinical, economic or behavioural benefits of your product to support the review of your technology. This criteria will not be scored but will provide the context of the product undergoing assessment.

Where possible, please provide details relating to the specific technology and not generally to your organisation.

Code	Question	Options	Supporting information
B1	Who is this product intended to be used for?	Clinical Support	Workforce
B2	Provide a clear description of what the product is designed to do and of how it is expected to be used	Diktamen is a cloud-based digital dictation platform designed to streamline clinical documentation workflows for healthcare professionals. It enables clinicians to securely dictate patient notes, letters, and reports using desktop or mobile devices, which are then transcribed either automatically via speech recognition or manually by	This question is a context question and therefore a high-level summary is required.

		<p>transcription teams.</p> <p>The platform is designed to improve the speed, accuracy, and efficiency of clinical correspondence, ultimately reducing administrative burden and freeing up more time for patient care.</p> <p>Diktamen is intended for use in both NHS and private healthcare settings, supporting integration with existing electronic patient record (EPR) systems and ensuring compliance with healthcare data security standards. It is typically deployed across departments or organisations, and used daily by medical professionals, administrative staff, and medical secretaries involved in documentation processes.</p>	
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B3	Describe clearly the intended or proven benefits for users and confirm if / how the benefits have been validated	<p>Diktamen is designed to deliver clear benefits to users by improving the speed, ease, and efficiency of clinical documentation workflows.</p> <p>Whether deployed as a cloud-based or on-premise solution, it allows healthcare professionals to dictate patient notes and correspondence securely and efficiently, reducing administrative burden and supporting quicker turnaround of documentation.</p> <p>The platform is extremely user-friendly, requiring minimal training, and is accessible via desktop and mobile devices — offering flexibility for clinicians and medical secretaries alike.</p> <p>Proven benefits have been observed across private healthcare settings, where users report time savings, reduced backlog, and</p>	<p>This question is a context question and therefore a high-level summary is required.</p> <p>If your product has had an evaluation or undergone clinical trials include this information.</p>
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		improved satisfaction with the documentation process. These benefits have been validated through customer feedback and operational improvements in live environments.	
B4	<p>Please attach one or more user journeys which were used in the development of this product</p> <p>Where possible please also provide your data flows</p>	<p>Provided</p>  <p>Clinician_User_Journey_Diktamen.xlsx</p>	<p>This question is a context question, and it is expected that existing documentation will be provided.</p> <p>GOV.UK provides guidance on <u>how to make a user journey map</u> and what should be included.</p> <p>Data flows enable the assessor to understand how data moves through a product. This may be included within a Data Protection Impact Assessment. If this is the case, please provide as a separate attachment for ease of review.</p>

C. Technical questions - Assessed sections

C1 - Clinical safety

Establishing that your product is clinically safe to use.

You must provide responses and documentation relating to the specific technology product that is subject to assessment.

The DCB0129 standard applies to organisations that are responsible for the development and maintenance of health IT systems. A health IT system is defined as “product used to provide electronic information for health and social care purposes”. DTAC is designed as the assessment criteria for digital health technologies and C1 Clinical Safety Criteria is intended to be applied to all assessments. If a developer considers that the C1 Clinical Safety is not applicable to the product being assessed, rationale must be submitted exceptionally detailing why DCB0129 does not apply.


The DCB0160 standard applies to the organisation in which the health IT is deployed or used. It is a requirement of the standard (2.5.1) that in the procurement of health IT systems the organisation must ensure that the manufacturer and health IT system complies with DCB0129. The organisation must do so in accordance with the requirements and obligations set out in the DCB0160 standard. This includes personnel having the knowledge, experience and competences appropriate to undertaking the clinical risk management tasks assigned to them and organisations should ensure that this is the case when assessing this section of the DTAC.

If the Clinical Safety Officer or any other individual has concerns relating to safety of a medical device including software and apps, this should be reported to the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) using the Yellow Card reporting system: [Report a problem with a medicine or medical device - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/report-a-problem-with-a-medicine-or-medical-device).

Code	Question	Options	Supporting information	Scoring criteria
C1.1	Have you undertaken Clinical Risk Management activities for this product which comply with DCB0129?	Yes	The DCB0129 standard applies to organisations that are responsible for the development and maintenance of health IT systems. A health IT system is defined as “product used to provide electronic information for health and social care purposes”.	To pass, the developer is required to confirm that they have undertaken Clinical Risk Management activities in compliance with DCB0129.
C1.1.1	Please detail your clinical risk management system	Provided	<p>DCB0129 sets out the activities that must and should be undertaken for health IT systems.</p> <p>An example clinical risk management system template can be downloaded from the NHS Digital website.</p>	<p>To pass, the developer is required to evidence that a clinical risk management system is in place and that it is compliant with the requirements set out in DCB0129.</p> <p>This should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The clinical risk management governance arrangements that are in place • The clinical risk management activities • Clinical safety competence and

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> training Audits
C1.1.2	Please supply your Clinical Safety Case Report and Hazard Log	Provided	<p>Specifically, your DTAC submission should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A summary of the product and its intended use A summary of clinical risk management activities A summary of hazards identified which you have been unable to mitigate to as low as it is reasonably practicable The clear identification of hazards which will require user or commissioner action to reach acceptable mitigation (for example, training and business process change) <p>It should not include the hazard log in the body of the document - this should be supplied separately.</p> <p>Example Clinical Safety Case Report and Hazard Log templates can be downloaded from the NHS Digital</p>	<p>To pass, the developer is required to submit the Clinical Safety Case Report and Hazard Log that is compliant with the requirements set out in DCB0129. This should be commensurate with the scale and clinical functionality of the product and address the clinical risk management activities specified with the standard.</p> <p>The Clinical Safety Case Report should present the arguments and supporting evidence that provides a compelling, comprehensible and valid case that a system is safe for a given application in a given environment at the defined point in the products lifecycle. It should provide the reader with a summary of all the relevant knowledge that has been acquired relating to the clinical risks associated with the product at that point in the life cycle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A clear and concise record of the process that has been applied to determine the clinical safety of the product

			website.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A summary of the outcomes of the assessment procedures applied • A clear listing of any residual clinical risks that have been identified and the related operational constraints and limitations that are applicable • A clear listing of any hazards and associated clinical risks that have been transferred, together with any declared risk control measures, that are to be addressed as part of the clinical risk management process in the organisation where the product is being deployed • A listing of outstanding test issues / defects associated with the product which may have a clinical safety impact. <p>The Hazard Log should record and communicate the on-going identification and resolution of hazards associated with the product. All foreseeable hazards should be identified, and the risk of such hazards should be reduced to acceptable levels.</p> <p>A summary should also be provided to the assessor of identified hazards that the developer has been unable to mitigate to as low as it is reasonably practicable. It should also clearly identify the hazards which will require user or commissioner</p>
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				action to reach acceptable mitigation.
C1.2	Please provide the name of your Clinical Safety Officer (CSO), their profession and registration details	<p>Rebecca Wilson (nee Major) GPHC:502 4799</p> <p>Pharmacy technician General Pharmaceutical Council</p>  <p>DelegateCertificate RW CSO 2022.pdf</p>	<p>The CSO must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a suitably qualified and experienced clinician • Hold a current registration with an appropriate professional body relevant to their training and experience • Be knowledgeable in risk management and its application to clinical domains • Be suitably trained and qualified in risk management or have an understanding in principles of risk and safety as applied to Health IT • Have completed appropriate training <p>The work of the CSO can be undertaken by an outsourced third party.</p>	<p>To pass, the developer must have a named CSO which can be through an outsourced arrangement.</p> <p>They must be a suitably qualified and experienced clinician and hold a current registration with an appropriate professional body relevant to their training and experience.</p>

C1.3	<p>If your product falls within the UK Medical Devices Regulations 2002, is it registered with the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)?</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>If this question is not applicable, because your product does not fall within the UK Medical Devices Regulations 2002, continue to question C1.4.</p> <p>If No, but the product falls within the UK Medical Devices Regulations 2002, continue to question C.1.3.2.</p> <p>The MHRA provides guidance on medical devices to place them on the market in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, regulatory requirements for all medical devices to be placed on the UK market, conformity assessment and the UK Conformity Assessed (UKCA) mark, classification of stand-alone medical device software (including apps) and how to tell if your product falls within the UK Medical Devices Regulations 2002.</p>	<p>To pass, if the product falls within the UK Medical Device Regulations 2002 and is required to be registered with the MHRA, the product must have a valid registration.</p> <p>It is currently possible that products do fall within the UK Medical Devices Regulations 2002 but are not yet required to be registered with the MHRA.</p>

C1.3.1	If yes, please provide your MHRA registration number	n/a		To pass, the registration number must be valid.
C1.3.2	If the UK Medical Device Regulations 2002 are applicable, please provide your Declaration of Conformity and, if applicable, certificate of conformity issued by a Notified Body / UK Approved Body	n/a	<p>Medical device manufacturers must ensure that their device complies with the relevant Essential Requirements of the legislation and draw up a Declaration of Conformity to declare this.</p> <p>Class I devices with a measuring function and devices in Class IIa, IIb and III must undergo conformity assessment from an EU Notified Body or UK Approved Body which has been designated for medical devices, and be issued a certificate of conformity (commonly referred to as a “CE certificate” or “UKCA certificate”).</p>	To pass, valid documentation appropriate to the risk classification of the device must be provided.
C1.4	Do you use or connect to any third-party products?	No	<p>If no, continue to section C2.</p> <p>DCB0129 contains the requirements in relation to third party products.</p>	

C1.4.1	If yes, please attach relevant Clinical Risk Management documentation and conformity certificate	N/a		To pass, a valid conformity certificate must be provided. The Clinical Risk Management documentation must meet the requirements detailed in question C1.1.
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C2 - Data protection

Establishing that your product collects, stores and uses data (including personally identifiable data) compliantly.

This section applies to the majority of digital health technology products however there may be some products that do not process any NHS held patient data or any identifiable data. If this is the case, the Data Protection Officer, or other suitably authorised individual should authorise this data protection section being omitted from the assessment.

Code	Question	Options	Supporting information	Scoring criteria
C2.1	If you are required to register with the Information Commissioner, please attach evidence of a current registration. If you are not required to register, please attach a completed self-assessment showing the outcome from the	Yes – ZB879324	There are some instances where organisations are not required to register with the Information Commissioner. This includes where no personal information is being processed. The Information Commissioner has a registration self-assessment tool to support this	To pass, the developer is required to submit evidence that they have a current registration with the Information Commissioner. This can be validated against the Information Commissioner's Register of Fee Payers . Alternatively, if the developer confirms they are not registered with the Information Commissioner because they are not required to do so, then a self-assessment from the Information Commissioner's self-assessment

	Information Commissioner and your responses which support this determination.		decision making.	tool should be attached which aligns to the product.
C2.2	Do you have a nominated Data Protection Officer (DPO)?	Yes	<p>Not all organisations are required to have a Data Protection Officer (DPO). This is determined by the type of organisation and core activities. The most common reason for organisations providing digital health technologies to have a DPO is due to the core activities involving processing health data (being a special category).</p> <p>The Information Commissioner has a self-assessment tool to determine whether you must appoint a DPO.</p>	
C2.2.1	If you are required to have a nominated Data	Jon Bjorklund -		To pass, the developer is required to confirm they have a DPO in place where this is

	<p>Protection Officer, please provide their name.</p> <p>If you are not required to have a DPO please attach a completed self-assessment showing the outcome from the Information Commissioner and your responses which support this determination.</p>	Vice President – Technology and development		<p>mandated. Where a DPO one is in place if it is not required by the Information Commissioner then this will also constitute a pass.</p> <p>Alternatively, if the developer confirms they do not have a DPO because they are not required to do so, then a self-assessment from the Information Commissioners self-assessment tool should be attached which confirms this and aligns to the product.</p>
C2.3	Does your product have access to any personally identifiable data or NHS held patient data?	Yes	<p>The UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) applies to the processing of personal data.</p> <p>If no, continue to question C2.4</p>	
C2.3.1	<p>Please confirm you are compliant (having standards met or exceeded status) with the annual Data Security and Protection Toolkit Assessment.</p> <p>If you have not completed the current year's assessment and</p>	Yes – Standards Met Diktamen (8JQ22)	The Data Security and Protection Toolkit allows organisations to measure performance against the National Data Guardian's 10 data security standards.	<p>To pass, the developer must confirm that they are compliant with the Data Security and Protection Toolkit Assessment. This should be validated against the Data Security and Protection Toolkit database and achieve Standards Met or Exceeded status.</p> <p>Dependent on the date of the assessment versus the opening of the annual assessment period, it may be that a developer has not yet completed the toolkit. The developer is asked</p>

	the deadline has not yet passed, please confirm that you intend to complete this ahead of the deadline and that there are no material changes from your previous years submission that would affect your compliance.			to confirm that they will complete the assessment and that they will maintain their compliance versus the previous year.
C2.3.2	Please attach the Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) relating to the product.	Provided	<p>DPIA's are a key part of the accountability obligations under the UK GDPR, and when done properly help organisations assess and demonstrate how they comply with data protection obligations.</p> <p>The Information Commissioner has provided guidance on how to complete a DPIA and a sample DPIA template.</p>	<p>To pass, the developer must provide a DPIA that is compliant with the requirements set out under the General Data Protection Regulations. It should ensure that risks to the rights and freedoms of natural persons are managed to an acceptable level.</p> <p>The DPIA should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish the context; taking into account the nature, scope, context and purposes and processing and the sources of the risk • Assess the risks; considering the particular likelihood and severity of high risks • Treat the risks; through mitigation and ensuring the protection of personal data and demonstrating compliance

				<p>with the GDPR</p> <p>It should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A description of the envisaged processing operations and the purposes of the processing • An assessment of the necessity and proportionality of the processing • An assessment of the risks to the rights and freedoms of data subjects • The measures envisaged to address the risks and to demonstrate compliance with the GDPR
C2.4	<p>Please confirm your risk assessments and mitigations / access controls / system level security policies have been signed-off by your Data Protection Officer (if one is in place) or an accountable officer where exempt in question C2.2.</p>	Confirmed		<p>To pass, the developer must confirm that their Data Protection Officer or accountable officer has signed-off the risk assessments and mitigations / access controls and system level security policies.</p>

C2.5	Please confirm where you store and process data (including any third-party products your product uses)	UK only – Data stored in UK with support staff in EU	Individual organisations within the Health and Social Care system are accountable for the risk-based decisions that they must take.	<p>Individual organisations within the Health and Social Care system are accountable for the risk-based decisions that they must take.</p> <p>Due consideration should be taken where data is processed outside of the UK.</p> <p>Please note: It is a contractual requirement under the new GP IT Futures (GPITF) framework as it was in the GP System of Choice (GPSoc) framework, to host all data in England.</p>
C2.5.1	If you process store or process data outside of the UK, please name the country and set out how the arrangements are compliant with current legislation	Data processed in Finland and adequate to the UK	From 1 January 2021, the UK GDPR applies in the UK in place of the “EU GDPR”. The UK GDPR will carry across much of the existing EU GDPR legislation. The Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport has published two Keeling Schedules which show the changes to the Data Protection Act 2019 and EU GDPR.	<p>Individual organisations within the Health and Social Care system are accountable for the risk-based decisions that they must take.</p> <p>Due consideration should be taken where data is processed outside of the UK and should only be hosted within the European Economic Area (EEA) or a country deemed as adequate by the European Commission.</p> <p>To pass, the developer must demonstrate that the country in which data is processed or</p>


			<p>The Information Commissioner has published guidance on international data transfers after the UK exit from the EU Implementation Period.</p>	<p>stored is compliant with current legislation or the organisation's policy (should this differ).</p>
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C3 - Technical security

Establishing that your product meets industry best practice security standards and that the product is stable.

Dependent on the digital health technology being procured, it is recommended that appropriate contractual arrangements are put in place for problem identification and resolution, incident management and response planning and disaster recovery.

Please provide details relating to the specific technology and not generally to your organisation.

Code	Question	Options	Supporting information	Scoring criteria
C3.1	Please attach your Cyber Essentials Certificate	<p>Provided</p> <p>BM Registry 2ff43b9c-4103-4f42-8523-3408eaeae58a</p>	<p>Cyber Essentials helps organisations guard against the most common cyber threats.</p> <p>The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) have published cyber security guidance for small to medium enterprises (SME's).</p>	<p>To pass, developers must have a valid Cyber Essentials certificate. Certification lasts for a period of 12 months so the certificate should be within date. This should be validated against the IASME database.</p> <p>NHS organisations are required to have Cyber Essentials in place (and is now incorporated into the NHS Digital Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPT) for NHS Trusts and Foundation Trusts in 2021-22 assessments) and to mitigate risk within the supply chain, suppliers should hold Cyber Essentials.</p>
C3.2	Please provide the summary report of an external penetration test of the product that included Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP) Top 10 vulnerabilities from within the previous 12-month period.	<p>Provided</p>  <p>Security_Audit_State ment_Diktamen_2025</p>	<p>The NCSC provides guidance on penetration testing. The OWASP Foundation provides guidance on the OWASP top 10 vulnerabilities.</p>	<p>To pass, the developer must evidence that the product has undergone an external penetration test that included the OWASP top 10 vulnerabilities.</p> <p>The penetration testing / summary report must demonstrate there are no vulnerabilities that score 7.0 or above using the Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS).</p>

C3.3	Please confirm whether all custom code had a security review.	Yes - External code review	The NCSC provides guidance on producing clean and maintainable code .	To pass, the developer must confirm that an internal or an external custom code security review has been undertaken. An external review is preferable; however an internal code review would meet the baseline requirement.
C3.4	Please confirm whether all privileged accounts have appropriate Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)?	Yes	The NCSC provides guidance on Multi-Factor Authentication .	To pass, the developer must confirm yes that all privileged accounts have MFA.
C3.5	Please confirm whether logging and reporting requirements have been clearly defined.	Yes	<p>The NCSC provides guidance on logging and protective monitoring.</p> <p>To confirm yes to this question, logging (e.g., audit trails of all access) must be in place. It is acknowledged that not all developers will have advanced audit capabilities.</p>	To pass, the developer must confirm yes that logging and reporting requirements have been clearly defined.

C3.6	Please confirm whether the product has been load tested	Yes	Load testing should be performed.	To pass, the developer must confirm yes that load testing has been performed.
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C4 - Interoperability criteria

Establishing how well your product exchanges data with other systems.

To provide a seamless care journey, it is important that relevant technologies in the health and social care system are interoperable, in terms of hardware, software and the data contained within. For example, it is important that data from a patient's ambulatory blood glucose monitor can be downloaded onto an appropriate clinical system without being restricted to one type. Those technologies that need to interface within clinical record systems must also be interoperable. Application Programme Interfaces (APIs) should follow the Government Digital Services Open API Best Practices, be documented and freely available and third parties should have reasonable access in order to integrate technologies.

Good interoperability reduces expenditure, complexity and delivery times on local system integration projects by standardising technology and interface specifications and simplifying integration. It allows it to be replicated and scaled up and opens the market for innovation by defining the standards to develop upfront.

This section should be tailored to the specific use case of the product and the needs of the buyer however it should reflect the standards used within the NHS and social care and direction of travel.

Please provide details relating to the specific technology and not generally to your organisation.

Code	Question	Options	Supporting information	Scoring criteria
C4.1	Does your product expose any Application Programme Interfaces (API) or integration channels for other consumers?	No. Available if required in accordance with applicable standards.	<p>The NHS website developer portal provides guidance on APIs and the NHS.</p> <p>Government Digital Services provide guidance on Open API best practice.</p>	<p>To pass, developers must demonstrate that they have API's that are relevant to the use case for the product, follow Government Digital Services Open API Best Practice, are documented and freely available and that third parties have reasonable access to connect.</p> <p>APIs should adopt generally accepted standards of data interoperability for the</p>

				<p>NHS or social care dependent on the use case for the product.</p> <p>If the product does not have API's and there is a legitimate rationale for this considering the use case of the product then the buyer can accept this rationale.</p>
C4.1.1	<p>If yes, please provide detail and evidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The API's (e.g., what they connect to) set out the healthcare standards of data interoperability e.g., Health Level Seven International (HL7) / Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) • Confirm that they follow Government Digital Services Open 	N/a		

	<p>API Best Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm they are documented and freely available • Third parties have reasonable access to connect <p>If no, please set out why your product does not have APIs.</p>			
C4.2	Do you use NHS number to identify patient record data?	No because product does not identify patient record data	NHS Digital provides guidance on NHS Login for partners and developers .	<p>To pass, developers should confirm that if a product uses an NHS number to identify a patient record, that it uses NHS Login. NHS Digital provides a list of all current digital health and social care services that integrate with NHS Login.</p> <p>If a product does not use NHS Login to</p>

C4.2.1	<p>If yes, please confirm whether it uses NHS Login to establish a user's verified NHS number.</p> <p>If no, please set out the rationale, how your product established NHS number and the associated security measures in place.</p>	<p>Diktamen is not currently linked to NHS systems, such as the Spine, and does not automatically establish or verify NHS numbers through any central NHS infrastructure. Instead, all patient data, including NHS numbers, is manually entered by clinicians using the system. This means that the integrity of NHS number capture relies on local clinical processes and existing trust-level workflows.</p>		<p>establish a verified NHS number, then a legitimate rationale should be set out and the security and appropriateness of the methodology should be considered.</p>
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		<p>At present, this approach ensures that Diktamen functions as a standalone digital dictation platform, with no direct integration into national systems or datasets.</p> <p>Should future requirements or NHS integration pathways necessitate direct handling or verification of NHS numbers, Diktamen will be developed in line with all relevant NHS Digital standards, including the necessary</p>		
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		interoperability, security, and information governance requirements.		
C4.3	Does your product have the capability for read/write operations with electronic health records (EHRs) using industry standards for secure interoperability (e.g. OAuth 2.0, TLS 1.2)	No because the product does not read/ write into EHRs		<p>To pass, developers should confirm that the product has the capability to read/write into EHRs using industry standards for secure interoperability.</p> <p>If a product does not use industry standards, then a legitimate rationale should be set out and the security, usability and appropriateness of the methodology should be considered.</p>
C4.3.1	If yes, please detail the standard	N/a		

C4.3.2	If no, please state the reasons and mitigations, methodology and security measures.	Although Diktamen product can be set to launch from an EHR it doesn't perform read/write operations with EHRs. The clinician uses the Diktamen product to create a dictation which is then used to create all needed documentation and markings into an EHR by a medical transcriber		
C4.4	Is your product a wearable or device, or does it integrate with them?	No	If no, continue to section D.	To pass, the developer must evidence compliance with ISO/IEEE 10073
C4.4.1	If yes, provide evidence of how it complies with ISO/IEEE 11073 Personal	N/a	Access the ISO Standard . This is a paid-for	

	Health Data (PHD) Standards.		document.	
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D. Key principles for success

The core elements defined in this section will form part of the overall review of the product or service and is a key part to ensuring that the product or service is suitable for use. The assessment will set a compliance rating and where a product or developer is not compliant highlight areas that the organisation could improve on with regards to following the core principles.

This section will be scored in relation to the [NHS service standard](#). This will not contribute to the overall Assessment Criteria as set out in Section C.

D1 - Usability and accessibility - scored section

Establishing that your product has followed best practice.

Please note that not all sections of the NHS Service Standard are included where they are assessed elsewhere within DTAC, for example clinical safety.

Code	Question	Options	Supporting information	Weighted score	Scoring criteria
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D1.1	<p>Understand users and their needs in context of health and social care</p> <p>Do you engage users in the development of the product?</p>	Yes,	NHS Service Standard Point 1	10%	<p>Developers should be awarded 10% if they demonstrate that user need has been taken in account through user research, search data, analytics or other data to understand the problem.</p>
D1.1.1	<p>If yes or working towards it, how frequently do you consider user needs in your product development and what methods do you use to engage users and understand their needs?</p>	<p>User engagement is a key part of how we develop Diktamen. We make a real effort to understand our users' clinical, practical, and emotional needs, and how they actually use the product day to day in real healthcare settings.</p> <p>We regularly connect with</p>			<p>The submission should confirm that the developer has considered, and tested user needs with appropriate stakeholders (stakeholders will differ depending on the product) and that as the product continues to iterate user engagement has continued.</p> <p>If the developer selects working towards it and/or can only partially evidence the requirement, for example user need has only partially been considered or it is not considered on an ongoing basis they should be awarded 5%.</p> <p>If the developer selects no to this question or cannot provide evidence that user need has been considered, they should be awarded 0%.</p>


		<p>clinicians and other users through onboarding sessions, support calls, helpdesk feedback, and review meetings. This helps us get a clear picture of what's working, what's not, and where we can improve. We think about the whole experience, not just the product itself — including the systems and processes around it.</p> <p>These interactions allow us to understand</p>			
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		<p>their knowledge, skills, confidence, and identify where we can empower them and give them more control. We are always looking at how we can make Diktamen easier to use, more empowering, and more effective in a clinical environment.</p> <p>By listening to our users and learning from their day-to-day experiences, we can make sure we're solving the right problems in a</p>			
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		way that's simple, useful, into the realities of healthcare delivery.			
D1.2	<p>Work towards solving a whole problem for users</p> <p>Are all key user journeys mapped to ensure that the whole user problem is solved, or it is clear to users how it fits into their pathway or journey?</p>	<p>Working towards it</p> <p>Yes - Diktamen has mapped all key user journeys to ensure the product supports the full clinical documentation process from start to finish. We aim to solve the whole problem for users by aligning our platform with their real-world needs and workflows. Our journey mapping</p>	<p>NHS Service Standard Point 2 and Point 3 are often dealt with by teams together.</p>	10%	<p>Developers should be awarded 10% if they attach supporting information showing that the product solves a whole user problem or that it is clear to users how it fits into their pathway or journey.</p> <p>If the developer selects working towards it and can provide evidence that goes some way to explaining how the whole user problem is solved or only partially explains how the product fits a user journey, they should be awarded 5%.</p> <p>If the developer selects no to this question or cannot provide evidence that shows the user journey or how the product fits into the pathway or journeys, they should be awarded 0%.</p>

		<p>covers all major touchpoints — from logging in via desktop or mobile, to selecting a patient, recording dictation, reviewing transcriptions, and managing completed reports. These journeys have been informed by direct clinician and administrative feedback and are regularly reviewed to identify improvement opportunities. We are continuously working to improve the accuracy and efficiency of our system, particularly</p>			
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		<p>around speech recognition, workflow responsiveness, and user interface interactions. Process refinements and optimisations are ongoing, based on both user feedback and internal quality assessments. Further development is planned to enhance:</p> <p>Accuracy of transcription</p> <p>Usability across devices</p> <p>Seamless integration with wider healthcare systems (where appropriate)</p> <p>We remain committed to</p>			
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		evolving the platform in a way that supports users at every stage of the clinical documentation pathway, while maintaining transparency around system capabilities and integration points.			
D1.2.1	If yes or working towards it, please attach the user journeys and/or how the product fits into a user pathway or journey	<p>Provided</p>  <p>Clinician_User_Journey_Diktamen.xlsx</p>			
D1.3	<p>Make the service simple to use</p> <p>Do you undertake user acceptance testing to validate usability of the system?</p>	Yes	NHS Service Standard Point 4	10%	<p>Developers should be awarded 10% if they attach supporting information showing user acceptance testing to validate usability of the product.</p> <p>If the developer selects working towards it and can provide evidence</p>

D1.3.1	If yes or working towards it, please attach information that demonstrates that user acceptance testing is in place to validate usability.	<p>Provided</p> <p>During the customer onboarding an acceptance testing is always planned as part of the project. Based on the feedback we make necessary changes and after user acceptance we move forward according to the deployment process.</p>			<p>that goes some way to demonstrate that user acceptance testing is being used to validate usability of the system, they should be awarded 5%.</p> <p>If the developer selects no to this question or cannot provide evidence that shows user acceptance testing to validate usability of the system, they should be awarded 0%.</p>
D1.4	<p>Make sure everyone can use the service</p> <p>Are you international Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 level AA compliant?</p>	Working towards it	<p>NHS Service Standard Point 5</p> <p>The Service Manual provides information on</p>	20%	<p>Developers should be awarded 20% for WCAG 2.1 level AA compliance.</p> <p>Developers should be awarded 5% for working towards it.</p> <p>If the developer selects no to this question, they should be awarded 0%.</p>

			WCAG 2.1 level AA.		
D1.4.1	Provide a link to your published accessibility statement.	https://info.dikta men.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Dikta men Accessibility Statement-1.pdf-1.pdf	The Government Digital Service provides guidance on accessibility and accessibility statements , including a sample template.	10%	<p>Developers should be awarded 10% for a published accessibility statement that includes the information below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the website or app is 'fully', 'partially' or 'not' compliant with accessibility standards • If it is not fully compliant, which parts do not currently meet accessibility standards and why • How people can get alternatives to content that is not accessible to them • How to contact you to report accessibility problems and a link to the website that they can use if they are not happy with your response <p>If an accessibility statement is not included or it does not contain the required information listed above the developer should be awarded 0%.</p>
D1.5	Create a team that includes multi-disciplinary skills and	Yes	NHS Service Standard Point 6	2.5%	Developers should be awarded 2.5% for confirming they have a multi-disciplinary team.

	<p>perspectives</p> <p>Does your team contain multidisciplinary skills?</p>				<p>If the developer selects working towards it or no to this question, they should be awarded 0%.</p>
D1.6	<p>Use agile ways of working</p> <p>Do you use agile ways of working to deliver your product?</p>	Yes	NHS Service Standard Point 7	2.5%	<p>Developers should be awarded 2.5 % if they confirm they use agile ways of working.</p> <p>If the developer selects working towards it or no to this question, they should be awarded 0%.</p>
D1.7	<p>Iterate and improve frequently</p> <p>Do you continuously develop your product?</p>	Yes	NHS Service Standard Point 8	5%	<p>Developers should be awarded 5% if they confirm they continually develop their product.</p> <p>If the developer selects working towards it or no to this question, they should be awarded 0%.</p>
D1.8	<p>Define what success looks like and be open about how your service is performing</p> <p>Do you have a benefits case that includes your objectives and the benefits you will be measuring and have metrics that you are</p>	Yes	NHS Service Standard Point 10	10%	<p>Developers should be awarded 10% for confirming that the benefit case includes objectives and metrics that can be tracked.</p> <p>If the developer selects working towards it or no to this question, they should be awarded 0%.</p>

	tracking?				
D1.9	Choose the right tools and technology Does this product meet with NHS Cloud First Strategy?	Yes	NHS Service Standard Point 11 NHS Internet First Policy.	5%	Developers should be awarded 5% for confirming the product meets cloud first and / or internet first. If the developer selects working towards it or no to this question, they should be awarded 0%.
D1.9.1	Does this product meet the NHS Internet First Policy?	Yes			
D1.10	Use and contribute to open standards, common components and patterns Are common components and patterns in use?	Yes	NHS Service Standard Point 13	5%	Developers should be awarded 5% for confirming common components and patterns are used. If the developer selects working towards it or no to this question, they should be awarded 0%.
D1.10.1	If yes, which common components and patterns have been used?	Text input to ask for email address, NHS number. Being incorporated for UK			

single text input D1.11	Operate a reliable service Do you provide a Service Level Agreement to all customers purchasing the product?	Yes	NHS Service Standard Point 14	10%	<p>Developers should be awarded 10% offering a service level agreement, reporting on performance and having an uptime of 99.9% or above.</p> <p>If the developer does not provide a service level agreement and / or reporting on performance, they should be awarded but has an uptime of 99.9% or above they should be awarded 5%.</p> <p>If the developer has an uptime of 99% or above, they should be awarded 2.5%.</p> <p>If the developer has an uptime of less than 99%, they should be awarded 0%.</p>
D1.12	Do you report to customers on your performance with respect to support, system performance (response times) and availability (uptime) at a frequency required by your customers?	Yes			
D1.12.1	Please attach a copy of the information provided to customers	<p>Provided</p> <p>We provide a wide range of reports to customers and customise these if needed according to customer</p>			

		needs. We also offer the customer super users a wide range of templates where they can themselves follow the current situation from the reports. As an attachment we offer as an example a template for customer report with the topics.			
D1.12.2	Please provide your average service availability for the past 12 months, as a percentage to two decimal places	99.999%			

Supporting documentation

Please ensure that when providing evidence, documents are clearly labelled with the name of your company, the question number and the date of submission.

Possible documents to be provided are:

- A11 - CQC Report
- B4 - User journeys and data flows
- C1.1.1 - Clinical Risk Management System
- C1.1.2 - Clinical Safety Case Report
- C1.1.2 - Hazard Log
- C1.3.2 - UK Medical Device Regulations 2002 Declaration of Conformity and if applicable Certificate of Conformity
- C1.4.1 - Clinical Risk Management documentation and Conformity certificate for third party suppliers
- C2.1 - Information Commissioner's registration or completed Self-assessment Outcome Tool
- C2.2.1 Completed Information Commissioner's Self-Assessment Outcome Tool
- C2.3.2 - Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)
- C3.1 - Cyber Essentials Certification
- C3.2 - External Penetration Test Summary Report
- C4.4.1 - If a wearable, evidence of how the product complies with ISO/IEEE 11073 Personal Health Data (PHD) Standards
- D1.2.1 - User Journeys and/or how the product fits into a user pathway or journey
- D1.3.1 - Supporting information showing user acceptance testing to validate usability
- D1.13.2 - Customer Performance Report