## Summary – Data Access Agreements

The purpose of this document is to provide the public with a guide only to the main concepts of the Data Access Agreements (**DAAs**). The DAAs are also available and may be reviewed by the public. This document is a guide only and does not constitute legal advice and does not purport to be a complete legal description of the matters described below.

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Purpose of the DAAs	In 2021, the Care and Protection of Children Act 2007 (Act) was amended to improve Northern Territory Government coordination and information sharing for the purpose of child safety and wellbeing.  The DAAs are a legislative requirement and will:  govern how the Agencies can share certain data; and  facilitate timely access to information to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children.	Clause 2
	This data will be shared through the 360 Degree View of the Child (360VoC) solution.	
Parties	Department of Children and Families (DCF) Department of Corporate and Digital Development (DCDD) The following public sector organisations (each an Agency):  • Department of Health • Department of Education and Training • Attorney-General's Department • Northern Territory Police Force • Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development • Department of Corrections.	Details
Whose data will be shared?	Child of Attention and Child in Care (Child) Close Connection For definitions of the above, please refer to the DAAs and related fact sheets.	Clause 5 and Schedule 1
What data will be shared?	Data held by an Agency in relation to a Child or Close Connection that falls within the data categories and descriptions set out in Schedule 1 of each agreement. This data will be transferred to the 360VoC Data Hub, to DCF's case management system (CARE) or to the Master Data Management (MDM) technology.  Schedule 1 data does <b>not</b> include:  information that is covered by a secrecy provision or confidentiality provision that precludes disclosure; or  information that is subject to a confidentiality, suppression or secrecy order issued by a court, tribunal or commission; or	Definitions and Schedule 1
	<ul> <li>tribunal or commission; or</li> <li>copies of any documents or other material held in a court record or case file including exhibits, orders, affidavits, judicial notes, or draft or final judgments.</li> <li>The DAAs do not affect any other information-sharing obligations that may apply to DCF, DCDD or an Agency under any other applicable laws.</li> </ul>	Clause 15.2
Who can access the data?	The data transferred to DCF can only be viewed by personnel that are Authorised Users, CARE Data Users and Digital Service Manager (DSM) Users (as applicable). These users are listed at Schedule 2, and are role-based access permissions authorised by DCF.  What preconditions apply to access by DCF Authorised Users and CARE Data Users?  • the individual must have a current valid Working with Children Clearance;  • the individual has completed the required training and has confirmed they are aware of their	Schedule 2
	<ul> <li>It is individual has completed the required training and has committed they are aware of their legal obligations when accessing the data;</li> <li>the individual has provided a satisfactory national police check obtained from SAFE NT or other relevant police authority.</li> <li>Can DCF Authorised Users and CARE Data Users change?</li> <li>Yes. If DCF needs to remove existing positions, or create new positions within the department, it must inform the Agencies of the requested changes. The Agencies will need to provide their written consent to the change.</li> <li>DSM Users</li> <li>Limited DCDD personnel will have access to the data for the purpose of providing technical support. These users are also subject to extra security clearances.</li> </ul>	Clause 6.4 Clause 10
What can the data be used for?	The data can only be used for the Permitted Purposes set out in Schedule 2. Primarily, to enable authorised DCF personnel to detect, investigate, manage or otherwise respond to matters related to the safety and wellbeing of a Child. Other permitted purposes relate to back of house functions such as those undertaken by DCF legal, reporting and analytics personnel.	Clause 6.3 and Schedule 2