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# Norwegian Code of conduct for information security in the health and care sector and our guidelines for cloud computing

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# Health and care services for all



## Governance

### Ministry of Health and Care Services

Issues laws and regulation, drafts policies and finances

### Directorate of eHealth

National coordination and standardization.  
Delivery of national eHealth solutions.

### 4 regional health authorities

Responsible for specialist health care

### 428 Municipalities

Responsible for primary care, GPs, public health, long term care and rehabilitation



5,2 MILLION



LIFE EXPECTANCY 81,5



4 100 GPs



GP ACTS AS  
GATEKEEPER



9,9% of GDP



PUBLIC FUNDING  
85 %

# Norwegian health network and HealthCERT

- Secure telecommunications network developed and managed by the government
- Provide the most efficient and secure electronic exchange of patient information possible between all relevant parties within the health and social services sector
- Essentially a set of VPNs
- Most healthcare organizations are connected
- 700.000 electronic messages are sent through the health network every day and rapidly increasing
- Code of conduct – end to
- HealthCERT - shares knowledge about ICT threats and protection mechanisms, and continuously monitors traffic within the health network
- The national protection program

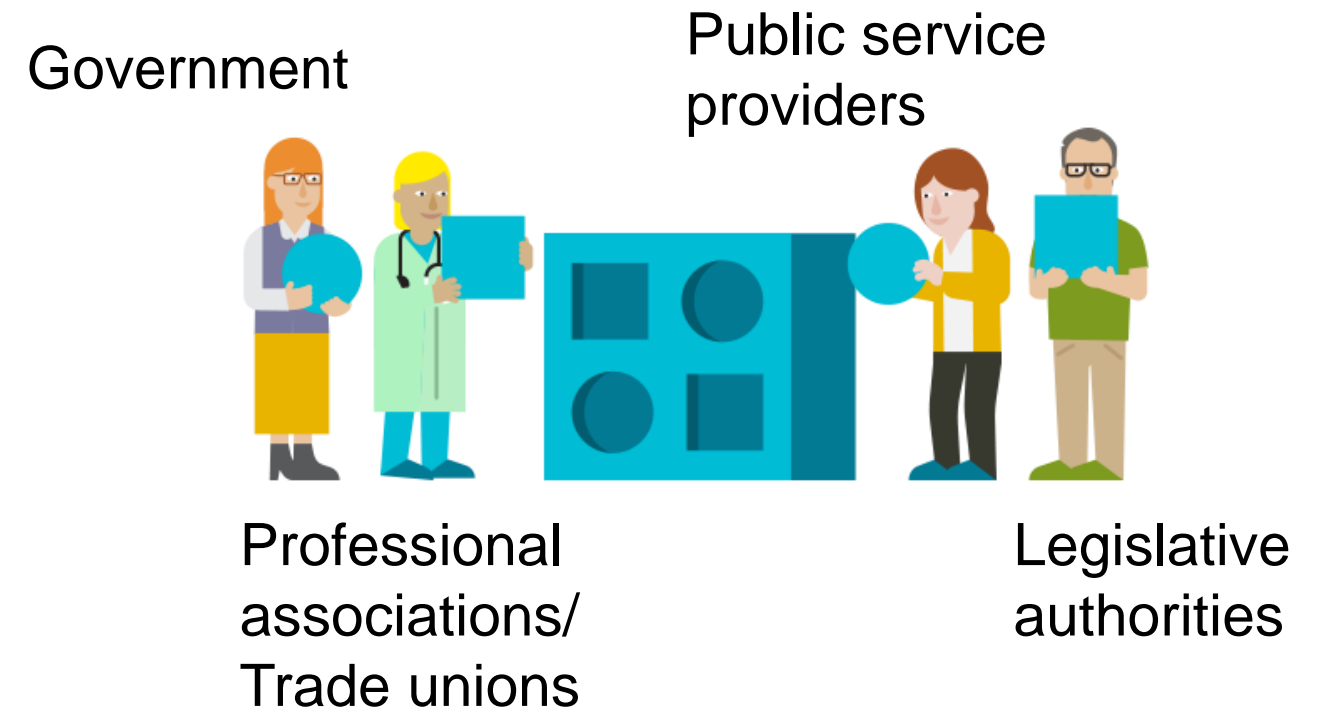
# Background

- Extensive health and care sector
- Organizationally fragmented
- Sensitive personal data
- Electronic exchange of information
- Complicated legislation



# Managed and developed

- Developed and managed by a steering committee with representatives from the health and care services sector
- Secretariat at the Directorate for e-Health together with resources from Norwegian Health Network
- Workshops
- Sector-wide participation



# The Code of conduct

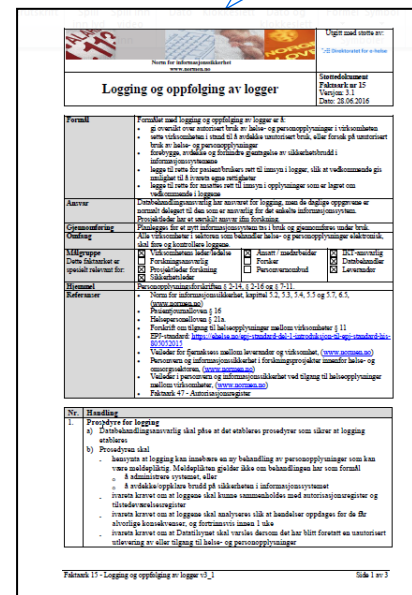
*Binding – affiliation agreement with Norwegian Health Network*



The Code and some of the guidelines are translated to english

**Guidelines  
Factsheets (best practice routines)**

*Not binding*





# Examples - guidelines and factsheets

- Guideline for remote access between supplier and organization \*
- Guideline for privacy and information security in medical devices
- Fact sheet 6b: Security audits - Code compliance checklist \*
- Guideline and template for general practitioners and physicians in private practice.
- Guidelines for social media
- Factsheet 42: Use of SMS for patient contact \*
- \* available in English

No	Requirement	Chapter of the Code	Requirement satisfied?	Insert reference to documentation (if the requirement has been satisfied)	The requirement is the responsibility of the data processor
14.	Are incident registers of relevance to security, including records of authorized use and attempts at unauthorized use of the information systems, archived and stored until such time as it is presumed that there will no longer be any use for them, based on the nature of the healthcare provided?	3.3.4	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
15.	Are presence registers of relevance for crosschecking against registers of authorizations and incident filing systems archived and stored until such time as it is presumed that there will no longer be any use for them, based on the nature of the healthcare provided?	3.3.4	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
16.	Has an information security management system (ISMS) been established?	4.1	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
17.	Have the organization's security objectives been determined?	4.2	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
18.	Have the following security objectives been incorporated? Health and personal data shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be available to the right employee at the right time in accordance with stipulated principles for access control</li> <li>• Be processed in accordance with the rules regarding the duty of secrecy and be protected in such a manner that</li> </ul>				

**Code of conduct for information security**  
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**Security audits**  
**Code compliance checklist**

**Supporting document**  
Fact sheet: 6b  
Version: 2.0  
Date: 4 June 2015

quality been documented? Please note that the minimum requirements are indicated in chapters 4.4.1 to 4.4.3.	4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.3	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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# Why has the Code been a success?

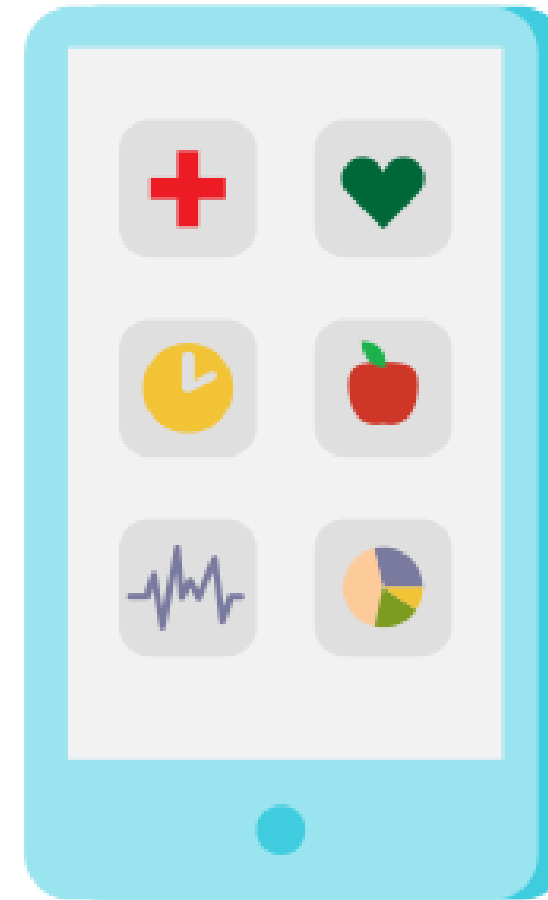
- Binding by contract
- Non-bureaucratic – “bottom up”
- The stakeholders are involved
- Practical advices
- Sector specific guidance
- An arena for information security and privacy questions
- In partnership with the legislative authorities
- Financed by the government
- Simplifies, and makes complicated regulation more accessible





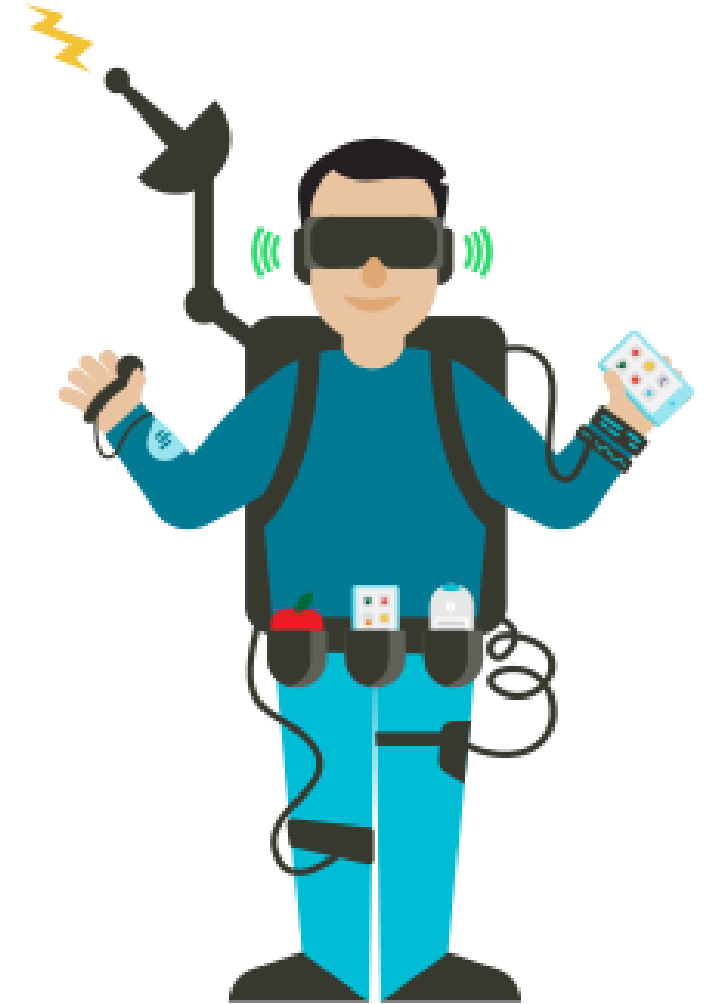
## Best of.... 2016

- Cloud computing
- Guideline on joint EMR
- Guideline on Personal Connected Health and Care services
- Factsheet – Malicious code
- Concept for an security awareness program in the health sector

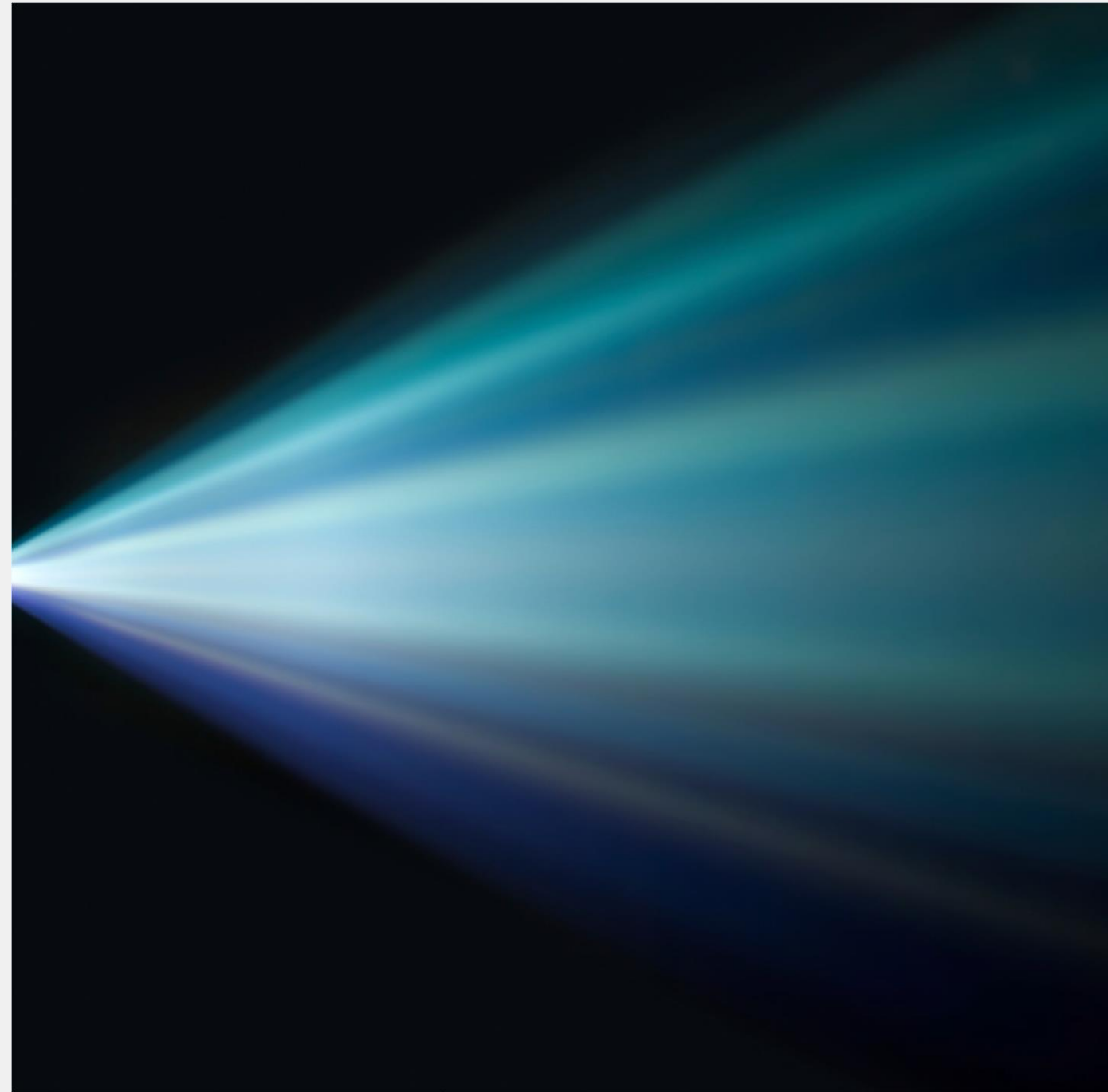


# Focus 2017

- EU data protection reform – GDPR
- Secondary use and health registries
- Personal Connected Health and Care services
- Videoconference for clinical use
- Information security requirements for medical devices
- The code of conduct vs ISO27001 Annex A
- Training and design
- Education – colleges and universities



# Guidelines for Cloud computing in the healthsector



# Background

- Increased interest in Cloud Computing
- Complicated legal framework for processing outside of Norway
- Data Protection Authority involved in cases relating to municipalities use of Cloud Computing for sensitive personal data
- Increased focus on cost efficiency
- On-going work with a national strategy for the use of Cloud Computing within the public sector



# Cloud Computing Strategy for Norway

- The main objective is to provide public and private enterprises with more room for manoeuvre when deciding which ICT solutions to use.
- The strategy should facilitate:
  - more cost-effective ICT solutions
  - increased focus on core activities
  - greater flexibility
  - greater security through more professional and standardised ICT
  - lower threshold for innovation and startups
  - reduced carbon footprint from ICT operations
- [https://www.regjeringen.no/contentassets/4e30afec51734d458596e723c0bdea0e/cloud\\_computing\\_strategy.pdf](https://www.regjeringen.no/contentassets/4e30afec51734d458596e723c0bdea0e/cloud_computing_strategy.pdf)

# Circular on digitization for 2016

- Issued to all public agencies, included the principle for using cloud computing:
- Cloud computing shall be assessed on the same basis as other solutions when considering major changes or reorganisation of ICT systems or operations:
  - when procuring new systems or performing major upgrades
  - when undertaking extensive replacements of hardware
  - when existing operating agreements expire
- When they offer the most appropriate and cost-effective solution and when no particular obstacles stand in the way of using them, **cloud services should be chosen.**
- The chosen solution must satisfy the agency's requirements for **information security**. This means that enterprises must **know the value** of its own systems and data, and perform a **risk assessment** of the chosen solution.



# Sector involvement

- Working group with a sector-wide participation;
  - hospitals
  - municipalities
  - vendors/ suppliers
  - Norwegian Health Network
  - Directorate for Public Management and eGovernment
  - Data Protection Authority
  - University of Oslo



# Aim and Scope

- Provide guidelines for secure use of Cloud Computing within the health and care sector
- Demystifying the Cloud
- Life-cycle perspective; planning, procuring, negotiating, setting-up, managing and terminating

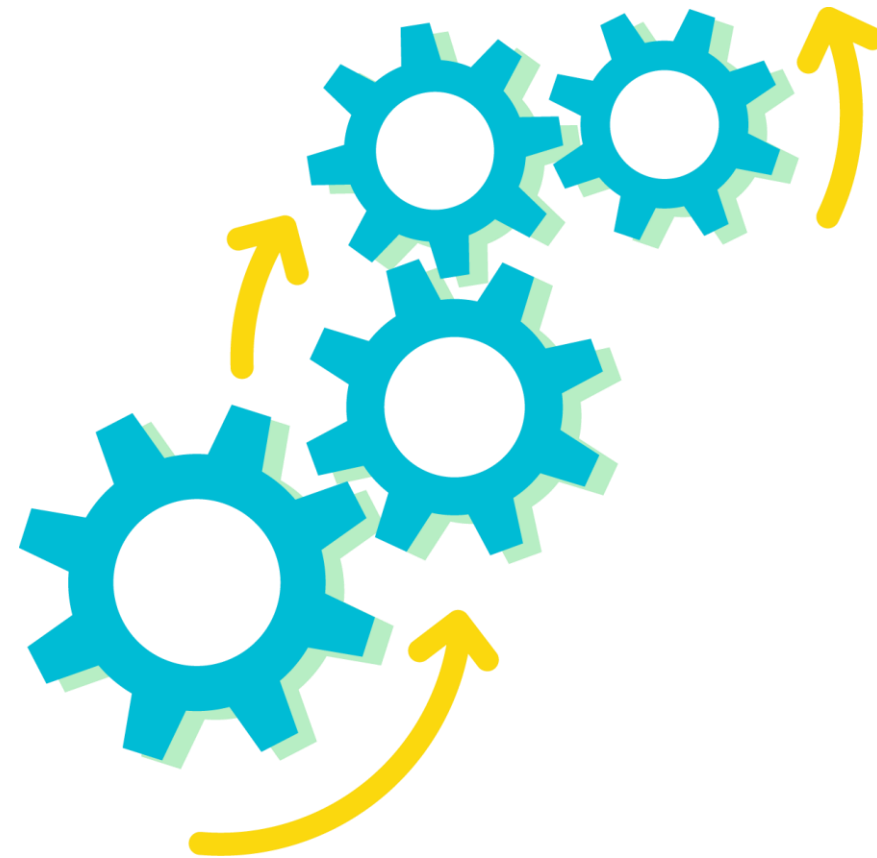
# Main Focus

- Demystifying the cloud
- What is the cloud?
- Which kind of services can be provided?
- Risks in the Cloud
- Benefits of Cloud computing



# Main Focus

- Legal perspective
- Duties of the data controller
- Contracts
- Rights of the data subjects
- Transfer to EU/EEA and third countries
- Information security
  - Access control
  - Logging
  - Encryption
  - Configuration control



# Main challenges

- Different needs and level of understanding within the target groups
- Legal premises
  - Safe Harbour/ Privacy Shield
  - Norwegian laws on public archives did not allow storage of archive material outside of Norway
  - Relatively strict data protection legislation and practice in Norway

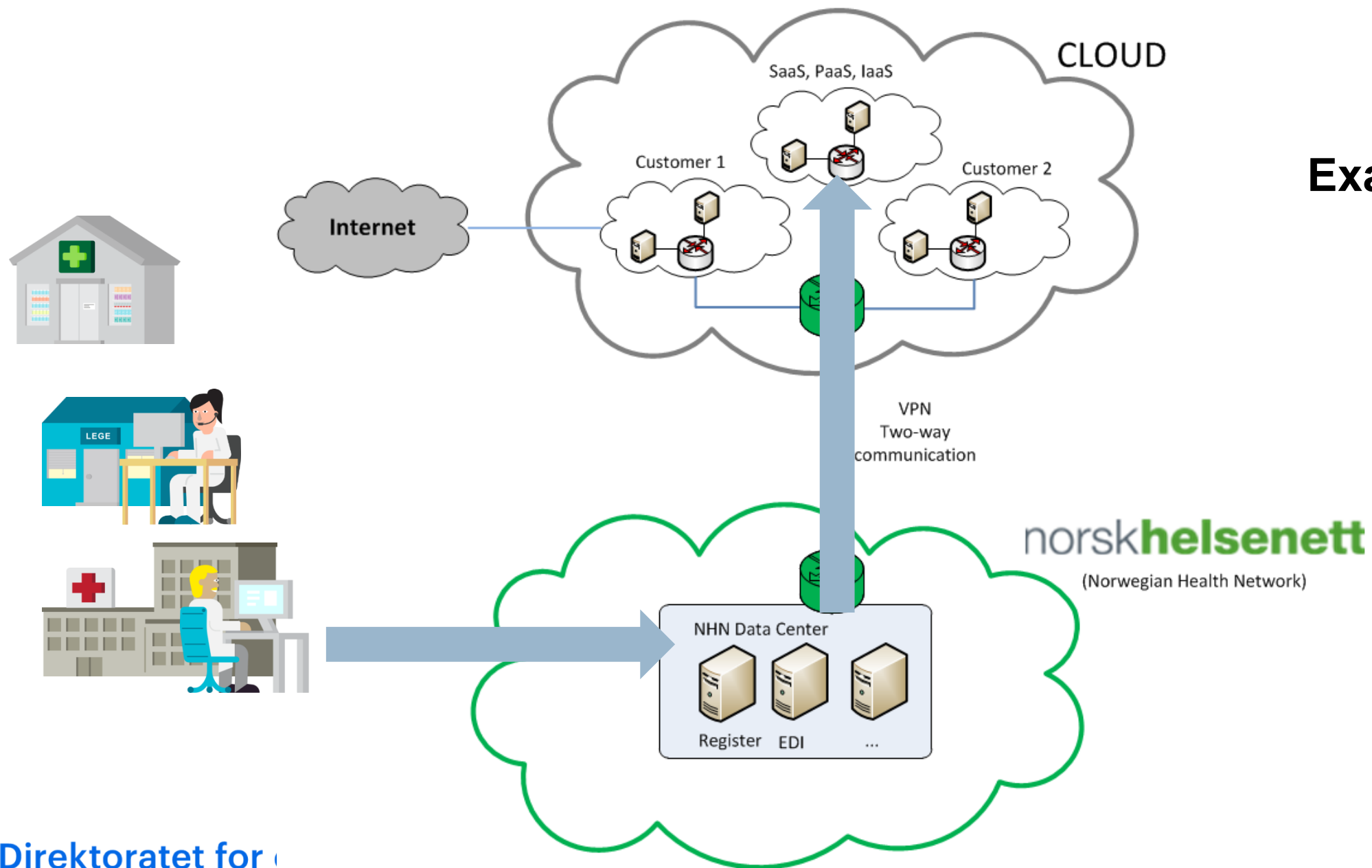


## Example: Cloud services for health Information - work in progress by Norwegian Health Network

- Nearly **all health care providers in Norway are connected** to the Norwegian Health Network, and approx. 150 **third-party service providers**
- They receive **weekly requests** on how to connect to cloud services through their infrastructure
- A procurement process is coming up (technology-neutral)
- First cloud provider is directly connected to the health network.
  - Security based on virtual zoning and virtual routing controlled by the Norwegian Health Network. (Azure: ExpressRoute Circuit)
  - More cloud providers to come

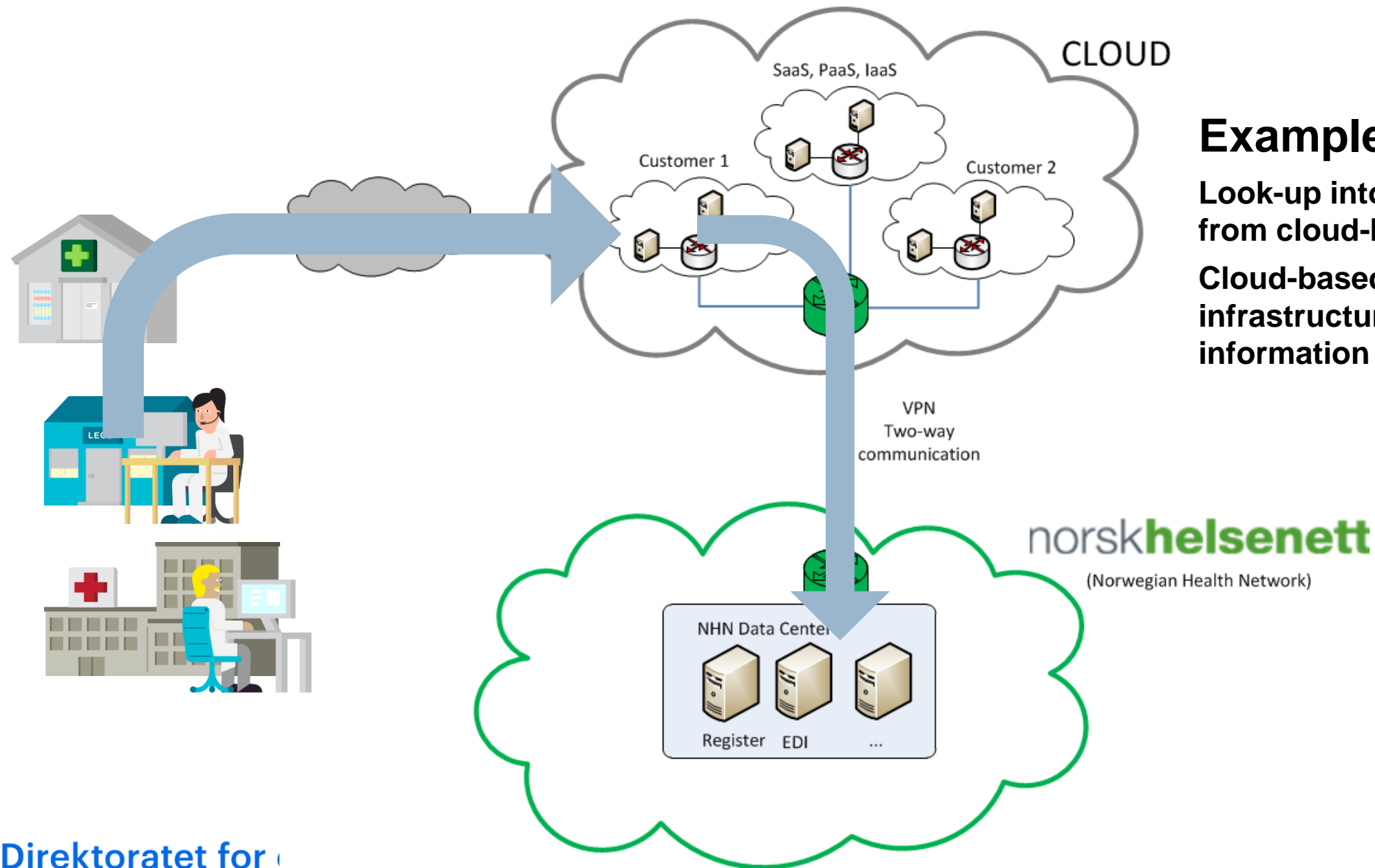


# Use case 1: Consuming cloud services from the Health Network



**Example: Data analysis, BI**

# Use case 2: Consuming Health Network services from the cloud



## Examples:

Look-up into The National EDI address register from cloud-based EPR-systems

Cloud-based EPR-systems using EDI infrastructure in the Health Network for health information exchange



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