

ATRS — The UK's Mandatory Public Register of Government Algorithmic Tools

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · United Kingdom

Quality score: 80/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

The UK's Algorithmic Transparency Recording Standard requires central government bodies to publish structured records of algorithmic tools that significantly influence decisions or interact with citizens — growing from a 2021 pilot to 125 records by end-2025.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	1/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	3/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability beyond pilot	3/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-23

[Department for Science, Innovation and Technology \(DSIT\) — Responsible Technology Adoption Unit](#) — accessed 2026-08-23

[GOV.UK — Making ATRS mandatory across government](#) — accessed 2026-08-23

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