

The Algorithmic Transparency Recording Standard — the UK's Mandatory Public Register of Government AI Tools

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · United Kingdom

Quality score: 60/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

The UK's Algorithmic Transparency Recording Standard became mandatory for all central government departments in February 2024. Published records grew from 7 at launch to 59 by May 2025, though an official audit found many more AI tools remain unrecorded.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-29

[Central Digital and Data Office, Cabinet Office](#) — accessed 2026-07-29

[GOV.UK — ATRS mandatory across government \(May 2025\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-29

[Burgess Salmon — How is AI being used in UK government?](#) — accessed 2026-07-29

[GOV.UK — ATRS Hub \(records repository\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-29

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