

Data Provision Notice

COVID-19 Situation Reports

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Background

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 (the Act) gives NHS England statutory powers, under section 259(1)(a), to require data from health or social care bodies, or organisations that provide publicly funded health or adult social care in England, where it has been directed to establish an information system by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.

The data, as specified by NHS England in this published Data Provision Notice, is required to support a direction from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to NHS England. Therefore, organisations that are in scope of the notice are legally required, under section 259(5) of the Act, to provide the data in the form and manner specified below.

Purpose

The data collected is information required by the NHS to understand the demands COVID-19 is placing across the health care sector nationally. It is information that does not already exist or must be collected in a more timely and efficient manner if it is to provide the insight needed to enable the NHS to coordinate resources and services appropriately. The collective data collection is broken down across several distinct Situation Reports (SitReps). These reports cover different service settings and provider types but provide the information required by the NHS nationally, at this point in time. As the response to COVID-19 evolves the specific SitReps required will in response, expand or contract until such time as they are no longer required at all.

Benefits

Each SitRep has a particular view but taken, as a whole, their collective benefit is in enabling the NHS in England to have a comprehensive national view and a provider specific focus on the impact and response to COVID-19 through the timely reporting of:

- COVID-19 patient activity and throughput for admission, treatment, and discharge
- the availability of key COVID-19 resources, such as beds, ventilators, and personal protective equipment
- the impact of COVID-19 on the health and availability of frontline and non-frontline staff.

Legal basis for collection, analysis, publication and dissemination

NHS England has been directed by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care under section 254 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to establish and operate a system for the collection and analysis of the information specified for this service. A copy of the Direction is published here <https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-anddocuments/directions-and-data-provision-notice/secretary-of-state-directions/covid-19-public-health-directions-2020> This information is required by NHS England under section 259(1)(a) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. In line with section 259(5) of the Act, all organisations in scope, in England, must comply with the requirement and provide information to NHS England in the form, manner and period specified in this Data Provision Notice. Data Provision Notice Covid-19 Situation Reports V14 July 2023 Copyright © 2023 NHS England Page 4 of 6 This Notice is issued in accordance with the procedure published as part of an NHS England duty under section 259(8).

Persons consulted

- On receipt of a direction to establish a system to collect Covid-19 Situation Reports, NHS England has, as required under section 258 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, consulted with the following:
- NHS England as the originating requestor and end recipient of the cumulative responses for each SitRep, have and will on an ongoing basis be consulted on the specification, form, and period for new and existing SitReps.
- NHS England through its Data Liaison team has established and will continue to build relationships with those organisations who have self-identified, or have been identified through analysis, as needing support to provide the SitReps of sufficient data quality.

Scope of the collection

Under section 259(1)(a) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, this Notice is served in accordance with the procedure published as part of the NHS England duty under section 259(8) on the following organisations:

- NHS Acute Trusts
- NHS Ambulance Trusts
- NHS Community and Mental Health Trusts
- NHS commissioned independent hospitals
- NHS commissioned community inpatient service providers
- Community Health Service Providers
- Long COVID clinic service providers.

Under section 259(5) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 the organisation types specified in the above Scope must comply with the Form, Manner, and Period requirements below.

Form, manner and period of the collection

Each submitting organisation will employ a controlled MS Excel template as the means to collect the data stipulated for each SitRep. A copy of each SitRep template relevant at this point in time is available here: <https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/data-provision-notice-dpns/covid-19-situation-reports>.

Organisations will submit their data via the NHS England Strategic Data Collection Service (SDCS). Organisations will begin and maintain their submissions for each SitRep as set out in Table.1 below.

SitRep	Start Date	Frequency	Collection
C19CSR12- COV-19 Community Health Services SitRep	17/11/2020	Monthly	Snapshot data is collected in cycles which cover 3–6-month periods

Table.1

The collection of data for each relevant SitRep will continue until such time as the SitRep is withdrawn. The additional or removal of a SitRep will be notified through an update to this Notice.

The Excel templates published on the website as an appendix to this Data Provision Notice are a document of the data items being collected and cannot be used for data submission.

Burden of the collection

Steps taken by NHS England to minimise the burden of collection

In seeking to minimise the burden it imposes on others, in line with sections 253(2)(a) and 265(3) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, NHS England has an assessment process to validate and challenge the level of burden incurred through introducing new information standards, collections and extractions.

This process is carried out by the Data Standards Assurance Service (DSAS) which assures burden assessment evidence as part of the overarching Data Alliance Partnership Board (DAPB) approval process. The DAPB, acting under authority of the Secretary of State, oversees the assurance, approval and publication of information standards and data collections for the health and social care system in England.

Burden assessments have not taken place for these SitRep collections. The urgent requirement for the data to support the nationwide response of the NHS to COVID-19 outweighs the requirement for such assessments at this time. The SitReps are intended to exist for only the duration of the nationwide response to COVID-19. Although they will introduce a measure of additional burden on those organisations affected it is unavoidable and will only exist for the minimum time necessary.