

# DSAS Data Standards Assurance Service

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## Information Standards

### [DCB0095 Referral to Treatment \(RTT\) Waiting Times](#)

This information standard outlines the specification and requirements for an aggregate monthly data collection to monitor waiting times performance against the standards set out in the National Health Service Commissioning Board and Clinical Commissioning Groups (Responsibilities and Standing Rules) Regulations 2012, and the 2015 amendment.

Changes in this release are designed to collect more detailed information on incomplete pathways of over 52 weeks in length and separate the existing 'Other' treatment function category into subcategories (medical/surgical/mental health/paediatric/other).

Applies to:

- All Trusts and independent sector providers which provide NHS-funded consultant-led elective care.

The Information Standards Notice (ISN) provides an overview of the standard:

- [Information Standards Notice](#)

### [DCB1067 National Workforce Data Set, Version 3.2](#)

The current release of DCB1067 National Workforce Data Set, Version 3.2, was published on 7 January 2021.

Since then, the need for minor changes and clarification has been identified. A Corrigendum, which sets out the detail of these changes, has been published on our [DCB1067 publication page](#), alongside an updated Change Specification, Implementation Guidance and Data Set Specification.

- [Corrigendum](#)

Any questions about these changes should be sent to the developers of the National Workforce Data Set at NHS Digital: [workforce.standards@nhs.net](mailto:workforce.standards@nhs.net)

### [ISB 1572 Sensitive Data – Deprecation](#)

ISB 1572, Sensitive Data, was published in March 1999 and set out rules for the removal of patient-identifiable data within the main NHS data sets of that time for specified diseases and operations.

During the intervening period, legislation, definitions and guidance have all but made this standard obsolete. There is a consequent need to produce a new standard and/or guidance to ensure the identification of sensitive and/or legally restricted data, consistent with current legislation, terminology and practice, and hence ensure that such data does not flow.

The DCB is therefore deprecating this standard, ahead of any new policy and guidance being developed and implemented, to ensure user awareness of the risks of continued use.

- [Information Standards Notice: Deprecation](#)

If you have any queries about this Deprecation Notice, please contact us at [standards.assurance@nhs.net](mailto:standards.assurance@nhs.net)

## News

### [Data Alliance Partnership](#)

You may have seen an announcement about the establishment of a [Data Alliance Partnership](#). This will have an impact on the current governance arrangements for national standards and collections. As yet, the details are not known but we will notify you as further announcements are made.

## Consultations

We provide details of data and technology consultations which may be of interest to our subscribers. Note that the documents which support these consultations have not yet been reviewed nor endorsed by the DCB.

### [Consultation on changes to the Data on Written Complaints in the NHS – Primary Care \(GP and Dental\) KO41b collection](#)

NHS Digital are seeking feedback on proposed changes to the primary care KO41b complaints collection. The changes are proposed to ensure that the collection and future publications deliver maximum value for the minimum burden on NHS organisations and that all the items collected remain relevant.

Closing date: 26 March 2021

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Kind regards,  
Data Standards Assurance Service  
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