

DSAS Data Standards Assurance Service

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Information Standards

Contract Monitoring Standards

The Contract Monitoring information standards enable national consistency of the flow of cost and activity information from providers to commissioners. The standards are:

- DCB2050 Aggregate Contract Monitoring
- DCB3003 Patient Level Contract Monitoring
- DCB3002 Devices Patient Level Contract Monitoring
- DCB2212 Drugs Patient Level Contract Monitoring.

For Version 2.0 of each standard, changes have been designed to:

- remove the number of very general purpose (VGP) data elements, to improve information governance and data quality
- improve consistency across the other contract monitoring data sets
- include recent changes made to the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.

In addition, all four information standards are now made mandatory for

- NHS or Independent Sector providers commissioned to provide acute services under the full-length version of the NHS Standard Contract

Other standard-specific changes include:

- DCB2050 Aggregate Contract Monitoring

This information standard is now made mandatory for NHS or Independent Sector providers commissioned to provide mental health services under the full-length version of the NHS Standard Contract.

- DCB3002 Devices Patient Level Contract Monitoring

A change has been introduced to enable the reporting of ethnic category and Treatment Function Code.

- DCB2212 Drugs Patient Level Contract Monitoring.

A change has been introduced to enable the reporting of ethnic category.

Full details of all the changes are [available in the Change Specification for each standard](#).

All four standards apply to:

- all commissioners of NHS-funded services
- all NHS and independent sector healthcare providers, operating under all versions of the NHS Standard Contract
- all NHS providers of ambulance services, operating under the full-length version of the NHS Standard Contract.

The Information Standards Notices (ISNs) provide an overview of the standard:

- [Information Standards Notices](#)

DCB0011 Mental Health Services Data Set (MHSDS), Version 5.0

The Mental Health Services Data Set (MHSDS) is a national, secondary uses data set, covering mental health and learning disabilities.

Version 5.0 introduces several changes, including improvements to Protected Characteristic data items, amendments to support reporting in line with the Mental Health Units (Use of Force) Act 2018 and updates in line with new and evolving models of care. A full list of changes is available in the Change Specification.

Applies to:

- NHS Mental Health Trusts
- NHS Acute Trusts
- NHS Community Health Trusts
- Independent and voluntary sector healthcare providers and any other qualified providers offering a service model that includes NHS funded and non NHS funded patients.

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

- [Information Standards Notice](#)

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.

Patient Level Costing Information Systems (PLICS) Mandatory Collections continued implementation

NHS Digital are seeking feedback on a number of proposed changes to the [Patient Level Information Costing Systems \(PLICS\) data collections](#). The changes include an amendment in scope of the collections, and a merged specification for acute, mental health and Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) providers. Feedback is sought from providers of acute, mental health, IAPT and ambulance services who submit PLICS data, and any other interested parties.

Closing date: 28 April 2021

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Kind regards,
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