

# DSAS Data Standards Assurance Service

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## Information Standards

### DAPB0092 Commissioning Data Sets, Version 6.3

Commissioning Data Sets are patient level data sets intended to deliver robust, comprehensive, nationally consistent and comparable person-based information on hospital activity to support a variety of secondary use purposes.

Version 6.3 introduces several changes, including the introduction of SNOMED CT, updates to support specialised commissioning requirements and updates to support the Outpatient Transformation Programme.

A full list of changes is available in the [Change Specification](#).

Applies to:

- All NHS organisations providing secondary care
- All independent sector healthcare providers commissioned by the NHS to provide secondary care.

Note that while implementation activity for CDS v6.3 may start immediately, the Enhanced Technical Output Specification will be published in July 2021, and the XML schema will be published in September 2021, as set out in section 3.5.4 of [the Implementation Guidance](#). This may have an impact on implementation, and the consequential risk has been accepted by the development team.

If you have any queries about the implementation of CDS v 6.3 please contact the development team at [enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk](mailto:enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk) quoting 'FAO DSDS- CDS' in the subject line.

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

- [Information Standards Notice](#)

# News

## Data Alliance Partnership

Following the introduction of the Data Alliance Partnership (DAP), a new governance structure has been put in place to provide oversight of the assurance and approval of information standards, data collections and data extractions (ISCE) across health and adult social care.

- The Data Alliance Partnership Board (DAPB) has replaced the Data Coordination Board. The DAPB, chaired by NHSX, has responsibility for the assurance and approval of information standards, data collections and data extractions (collectively known as ISCE or standards) across all health services and adult social care.
- Scrutiny of the assurance has been formally delegated to a Data Alliance Partnership Sub Board (DAPSB), chaired by NHSX.
- The assurance of ISCEs continues to be undertaken by the Data Standards Assurance Service (DSAS) within NHS Digital.

We (DSAS) will continue to:

- publish Information Standards Notices (ISNs) to announce new, or changes to, information standards published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, on the NHS Digital website
- issue email Notifications to the mailing list which you are subscribed to. No changes have been made to the data controller for the mailing list, [which is still managed by NHS Digital](#).

Processes are being updated to ensure only data sets and data collections that provide validated benefits (which exceed the cost of data collection) to the system are approved to proceed, and that the system as a whole has greater and more timely access to the data that is collected.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Data Alliance Partnership and the boards, please contact: [dataalliance.partnership@nhsx.nhs.uk](mailto:dataalliance.partnership@nhsx.nhs.uk)

If you have questions about the assurance of ISCEs please continue to contact DSAS at [standards.assurance@nhs.net](mailto:standards.assurance@nhs.net)

## 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 DAPB.

## The appointment and operation of the Patient Safety Commissioner

NHS Department of Health and Social Care are seeking views and any comments from those who may be affected or have a particular interest in the set up and functions of the new Patient Safety Commissioner for England, including the terms of office for the role,

remuneration and funding and the establishment of an advisory panel to support the Commissioner.

Closing date: 5 August 2021

[Find out more and take part](#)

Kind regards,  
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