

DSAS Data Standards Assurance Service

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Information Standards

DAPB0111 Radiotherapy Data Set, Version 6.0

The purpose of the Radiotherapy Data Set is to collect consistent and comparable data across all NHS acute trust providers of radiotherapy services and all private facilities where delivery is funded by the NHS, and provide nationally comparable data to inform the planning, provision and commissioning of radiotherapy services across the NHS.

Changes in Version 6.0 of the data set have been introduced to reflect ongoing changes in clinical practice, treating techniques or machines delivering radiotherapy, and include the ability to structure the data requested into the pathways expected of a radiotherapy patient and the addition of SNOMED CT and unique radiotherapy coding.

A full list of changes can be found in the [Change Specification](#).

Applies to:

- NHS acute providers of radiotherapy services and all other providers of NHS commissioned radiotherapy services
- organisations purchasing radiotherapy linear accelerator radiotherapy machines (LINAC) for use in NHS commissioned cancer centres and NHS acute providers of radiotherapy services.

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

- [Information Standards Notice](#)

DAPB1520 Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) Data Set, Version 2.1

The Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) Data Set is a patient level, output based, secondary uses data set which aims to deliver robust, comprehensive, nationally

consistent, and comparable information for people accessing NHS funded IAPT services located in England.

The changes included in this release relate to new government policy initiatives and resolution of issues within the current data collection, including alignment of gender recording with the Mental Health Services Data Set v5.0 and new Medical History and Accommodation status tables.

A full list of changes can be found in [the Change Specification](#).

Applies to:

A range of service providers and organisations that provide IAPT services in England, including:

- NHS Mental Health Trusts
- NHS Acute Trusts
- NHS Community Health Trusts
- Independent and third sector healthcare providers offering a service model that includes NHS funded patients, where there is a direct provision of IAPT services.

Note that while implementation activity for IAPT v2.1 may start immediately, the Enhanced Technical Output Specification, Data Model and User Guidance will not be published until later in July 2021, [on the NHS Digital IAPT web pages](#).

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

- [Information Standards Notice](#)

[DAPB0086 Data Security and Protection Toolkit, Version 4](#)

The Data Security and Protection (DSP) Toolkit is an online tool that enables relevant organisations to measure their performance against the data security and information governance requirements mandated by the Department of Health and Social Care, notably the 10 data security standards set by the National Data Guardian

The DSP Toolkit standard is reviewed annually and this 2021-22 release builds on the work and learning from 2020-21. Changes have been made to update technical requirements and rationalise evidence items, as well as moving Commissioning Support Units (CSUs) from Category 2 to Category 1.

A full list of changes can be found in [Appendix A of the Change Specification](#).

Applies to:

DSP Toolkit assessments must be completed and published by all organisations which:

- have access to NHS patients and/or to their information
- provide support services directly to an NHS organisation
- have either direct or indirect access to national informatics services.

This includes social care providers that provide care through the NHS Standard Contract. In addition, completion of the DSP Toolkit is obligatory for any party seeking approval for access to NHS patient information from either the Confidentiality Advisory Group or NHS Digital.

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

- [Information Standards Notice](#)

Contract Monitoring Standards

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

We sent out a notification about the updates to these standards in April 2021 and have received feedback that as the content of the email notification did not include the implementation dates it has caused some confusion among data providers.

In relation to each of the contract monitoring standards, the position is:

- Providers must be able to collect data to the updated standard from 1 September 2021.
- Submission remains on a monthly basis, so the reporting of September activity will take place in October 2021.

Note that this is not a change to either [the published documents or the Information Standards Notices for these standards](#).

If you have any queries about any of these Contract Monitoring standards, please contact the developers at NHS England and NHS Improvement: england.nccis@nhs.net.

In relation to our DAPB notifications, if you would like to suggest any other content that you would like us to include, please email your suggestions to 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

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Kind regards,
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