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Information Standards

DAPB4020 UK Core Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) Release 4 (R4) Governance

This [new information standard](#) introduces a consistent approach to the development of UK Core Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) resources, to enable interoperability in sharing data across the NHS, health services and adult social care in England.

This information standard does not determine specific use of UK Core FHIR resources but confirms that the UK Core FHIR Board, which issues the resources, follows an approved framework. Priority use cases for UK Core FHIR resources will be set by the UK Core FHIR Board and these will be made publicly available for health and care organisations, and system suppliers, to implement in appropriate settings.

Applies to:

- all health and care organisations in England sharing patient information between Health and Care IT Systems across national and local boundaries
- all owners of data sets and data collections within the Department of Health and Social Care and its Arms Length Bodies who must consider the use of UK Core for their developments
- all owners of technical (including interoperability) standards within the Department of Health and Social Care and its Arms Length Bodies who must consider the use of UK Core for their developments.

Implementation and conformance dates:

- There is no set conformance date for this information standard but those in scope of the standard (as set out above) must now determine its impact and make plans to address that impact.

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

- [Information Standards Notice](#)

If you have any questions about this standard, you can contact the developers at NHS Digital via interoperabilityteam@nhs.net.

Assurance activity

You can now view a list of the standards and collections that are undergoing assurance by the Data Standards Assurance Service (DSAS) and due to be presented to upcoming DAPB meetings on our [standards assurance activity web page](#).

If you have any queries about items undergoing assurance and would like to speak to one of our assurance advisors, please contact us at standards.assurance@nhs.net quoting the DAPB number of the items.

Consultations

Clinically-led review of NHS cancer standards: models of care and measurement

As part of the clinically-led review of NHS cancer standards (CRS), a report recommending modernising and streamlining cancer waiting times standards [has been published](#) and feedback on the approach recommended in the report is sought from the public, wider stakeholders and other interested organisations.

Updates to the guidance for the national cancer waiting time data set (DCB0147) would be required to incorporate the changes proposed in the CRS report, [and draft proposed guidance has been published by NHS England and NHS Improvement](#). Feedback on the guidance can be submitted with feedback on the report, [via the CRS consultation](#).

Closing date: 6 April 2022

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AnalystX Observatory State of the Nation survey

NHS England and NHS Improvement is conducting a survey, via the work of the [AnalystX Observatory](#), to better understand the analytical workforce in health and care organisations.

Feedback is sought from managers and team leaders of data professionals (such as data engineers, performance analysts, data analysts and data scientists).

Closing date: 31 March 2022

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Kind regards,
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