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Information Standards

[DAPB0086 Data Security and Protection Toolkit, Version 5.0, 2022-23](#)

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. This 2022-23 release builds on the work and learning from 2021-22. Changes have been made to:

- amend the categorisation of some organisations:
 - Clinical Commissioning Groups (category 2 organisations for 2021-22) have been removed from the scope of the standard
 - Integrated Care Boards have been added to the scope of the standard, as category 1 organisations
 - Arm's Length Bodies have been re-categorised from category 2 to category 1
- rationalise evidence items where they are now considered business as usual, or where there is overlap between evidence items
- update technical requirements to reflect the current threat landscape, including to make specific improvements on unsupported operating systems and connected medical devices
- align requirements with the guidance included on the NHS information governance portal.

A full list of changes can be found in 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](#)

If you have any questions about this standard, contact details – email, phone and self service portal – are available on the [DSP Toolkit website](#).

ISB0066 Renal Data Set

The Renal Data Set was first published in 2009 ([DSCN 27/2008](#)). The purpose of the data set was to define the information required to support the implementation of the National Service Framework (NSF) for Renal Services and support the generation of person-based secondary-use data relating to renal services in England.

The last update to this information standard ([Amd 43/2010](#)) was published in September 2012. Since that date, the standard has not maintained currency with changes in clinical terminology, practice, and associated definitions.

The DAPB is therefore deprecating this standard 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.

SCCI2075 Assessment, Discharge and Withdrawal Notices between Hospitals and Social Services

This information standard defined a set of Assessment, Discharge and Withdrawal (ADW) Notices to support compliance with the Care Act 2014. These Notices were used to support the discharge of hospital patients considered to have social care needs, and the information standard defined the minimum set of data items to be used for these Notices.

This standard does not support current national government or NHS discharge policy, including [Discharge to Assess \(D2A\)](#) and no further development will be undertaken.

The DAPB is therefore formally retiring this standard with immediate effect.

- [Information Standards Notice: Retirement](#)

The ADW specification FHIR messaging service will continue to remain available to support existing providers who have implemented the messaging service, but users should note that there will be no further development of the service following retirement of the standard.

If you have any queries about this Retirement Notice, please contact us at standards.assurance@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

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.

[Assuring Transformation Data Collection Version 4.0](#)

The Learning Disability & Autism programme at NHS England uses the Assuring Transformation (AT) data collection as the definitive source of information on inpatient numbers and activity.

A recent review of AT has identified several new and additional information requirements. These changes will ensure that NHS England can effectively monitor the quality of care of patients in hospital, better understand health inequalities for this group, and more accurately report on NHS commitments.

Feedback is sought from commissioners at Integrated Care Boards, NHS England specialised commissioners and Provider Collaboratives. However, this consultation is public and therefore open to all people with an interest in this area.

If you have any questions about the consultation, please contact enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk (ref AT Consultation in the subject line).

Closing date: 28 Aug 2022

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Mental Health Services Data Set Version 6.0 Public Consultation Questionnaire

The Mental Health Services Data Set (MHSDS) collects data from the health records of individual children, young people and adults who are in contact with mental health services. It covers not only services provided in hospitals but also outpatient clinics and in the community, where the majority of people in contact with these services are treated. The MHSDS brings together information captured on clinical systems as part of patient care. This data is used for secondary activities, for example: commissioning, service improvement and service design.

Changes are required to MHSDS v5.0 to ensure that the data set remains 'fit for purpose'. Consultation on the proposed changes is being undertaken as part of the assurance process set by the Data Alliance Partnership Board (DAPB).

Feedback is sought from all interested parties, including service users and organisations, such as care providers, commissioners, Local Authorities and patient groups.

Closing date: 22 August 2022

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Kind regards,
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