

# DSAS Data Standards Assurance Service

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## Information Standards

### [DAPB4019: Reasonable Adjustment Digital Flag – New](#)

Under the Equality Act 2010, organisations have a legal duty to make changes in their approach or provision, called reasonable adjustments, to ensure that services are as accessible to people with disabilities as they are for everyone else. This duty aims to address the recognition that people with disabilities may have equal access to care and services, but without specific adjustments being made, that access may not be equitable.

NHS England has built the Reasonable Adjustment Digital Flag in the NHS Spine to enable health and care professionals to record, share and view details of Reasonable Adjustments across the NHS, wherever the person is treated. The flag indicates that Reasonable Adjustments are required for an individual and optionally includes details of their significant impairments, underlying conditions and key adjustments that should be considered.

This standard applies to the following organisations and services:

- all providers of NHS care or treatment
- all providers of publicly funded social care
- social care or services bodies (in their role as service providers)
- independent contractors providing NHS services including primary medical services (GP practices), dental services, optometric services, and pharmacy services
- independent Healthcare Provider Network Organisations
- NHS Foundation Trusts and NHS Trusts
- providers of NHS and / or social care from the voluntary and community or private sectors
- providers of public health services, including advice and information.

Implementation and conformance dates:

- implementation of this standard should start from September 2023
- implementation of this Standard will follow a phased approach. Phase one conformance by 31 March 2024 and phase two conformance by 30 June 2024. Therefore, full conformance is expected by 30 June 2024.

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

- [Information Standards Notice](#)

If you have any queries about this standard, please contact [england.nhs.participation@nhs.net](mailto:england.nhs.participation@nhs.net) (please include “Reasonable Adjustment Digital Flag” in the subject).

Further information: <http://digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dapb4019>

## **DAPB1521: Cancer Outcomes and Services Data set (COSD) – Change COSD v10.0 and COSD Pathology v5.0**

COSD is a compiled data set, which provides the standard for secondary uses information required to support national cancer registration and associated analysis (at local, regional, national, and international level), as well as other national cancer audit programmes.

COSD v10.0 defines the data, excluding pathology, which cancer services teams need to collect. By formally removing the pathology data collection from their workload, the burden of data collection is reduced.

COSD Pathology v5.0 is supplied by services directly by their pathology departments.

After extensive consultation with subject matter experts across all tumour groups and Royal Colleges the following changes have been introduced:

- new data items have been added or data items removed
- choices have been added to help identify specific diagnostic or treatments episodes or parts of a pathway
- many data items have been realigned across the data sets into the correct ‘higher level’ groupings, improving the structure and schema
- wherever possible, duplication across the data sets has now been removed and full explanations of how to collect these data within the new structure are provided within the user guides for each data set.

Applies to:

- cancer centres, cancer units and all other providers of NHS commissioned cancer services
- organisations purchasing electronic systems for use in NHS commissioned cancer centres and NHS provider services.

Implementation and conformance dates:

- implementation of this standard should start from 11 September 2023
- applicable organisations must be compliant no later than 1 July 2024.

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

- [Information Standards Notice](#)

If you have any queries about this standard, please contact [nhsdigital.cosdenquiries@nhs.net](mailto:nhsdigital.cosdenquiries@nhs.net).

Further information: <http://digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dapb1521>

### **DAPB2007: Assuring Transformation – Change**

Assuring Transformation is a data collection that has been developed in response to Transforming Care: A national response to Winterbourne View Hospital and Winterbourne View Review: Concordat: A Programme of Action (both [available on GOV.UK](#)).

The Concordat, published by the Department of Health and Social Care in December 2012, aims to ensure that all people with a learning disability receive the health care and support they need in the most appropriate setting. This data collection monitors the progress of moving people with a learning disability, autism or both to community settings. The purpose of the data collection is to ensure that the public reporting on progress to implement the NHS commitments in the Concordat is transparent and robust. Commissioners submit data using NHS England's Clinical Audit Platform (CAP).

The amendment to this standard includes changes to the established questions and changes to improve the validity, accuracy and reliability of responses. These include:

- addition of new questions
- amendments to existing questions to better align Assuring Transformation with the Mental Health Services Data Set (MHSDS) and NHS Data Model and Dictionary
- removal of questions where the information can be found elsewhere or is no longer relevant
- minor changes to validations within the Clinical Audit Platform (CAP) system to improve the robustness of the data when captured
- improvements to guidance for submitters.

Applies to:

All commissioners of learning disability and autism services must comply with this information standard. This includes:

- Integrated Care Boards (ICBs)
- Commissioning Support Units (CSUs)
- Provider Collaboratives
- NHS England Specialised Commissioning Hubs

Implementation and conformance dates:

- implementation of this standard should start from September 2023
- applicable organisations must start to update patient records from 1 March 2024
- applicable organisations must be compliant no later than 31 March 2024.

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

- [Information Standards Notice](#)

If you have any queries about this standard, please contact [enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk](mailto:enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk) (Please include "Assuring Transformation" in the subject).

Further information: <http://digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dapb2007>

## **DAPB0086: Data Security and Protection Toolkit – Change**

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.

All organisations that have access to NHS patient data and systems must use this Toolkit to provide assurance that they are practising good data security and that personal information is handled correctly. Such organisations are required to carry out self-assessments of their compliance against the assertions and evidence contained within the DSP Toolkit.

Applies to:

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

- have access to NHS patients and/or their information
- provide support services directly to an NHS organisation
- have either direct or indirect access to national informatics services
- social care providers that provide care through the NHS Standard Contract
- any party seeking approval for access to NHS patient information from either the Confidentiality Advisory Group (CAG) or NHS England.

Implementation and conformance dates:

- implementation of this standard should start from 1 August 2023
- applicable organisations must be compliant no later than 30 June 2024

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

- [Information Standards Notice](#)

Full contact details – email, phone and self-service portal – are available on the DSP Toolkit website:

<https://www.dsptoolkit.nhs.uk/Home/Contact>

Further information: <http://digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dapb0086>

## **DAPB4000 and DAPB4001: Patient Level Information and Costing Systems (PLICS) – Retired**

Replaced by:

**Patient Level Information and Costing Systems (PLICS) Integrated Data Set (DAPB4000), and Patient Level Information and Costing Systems (PLICS) Ambulance (DAPB4001)**

The Patient-Level Information and Costing Systems standards have now been retired as Information Standards. Both items are however now classified as data collections, rather than Information Standards, and will continue to be mandated under section 6A of the NHS Standard Contract. For the 2022/23 data collection period, a number of changes have been introduced to the Integrated data set, including the collection of Non-Patient Level Aggregated Costs for the first time following an early implementer pilot in 2022. Minimal changes have been introduced to the Ambulance data set.

## 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 Data Alliance Partnership Board (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](mailto:standards.assurance@nhs.net) quoting the DAPB number of the items.

## Other news

We provide details of data and technology consultations and other news which may be of interest to our subscribers. Note that the documents which support these items have not yet been reviewed nor endorsed by the DAPB.

### [Upcoming changes to the Information Standards governing Pathology Reporting](#)

The NHS England Pathology Standards Programme are revising the governance around pathology data flows by making changes to [three interlinked information standards](#). The new DAPB4101 Pathology Reporting Standard (currently undergoing assurance) will support the interoperable flow of pathology reports between Laboratory Information Management Systems and GP Practices (extending to other healthcare settings in time, including secondary care) using the Pathology Messaging – FHIR integration.

If you have any questions or would like to feedback on these proposals, please contact the team on [pathology.standardsandimplementation@nhs.net](mailto:pathology.standardsandimplementation@nhs.net).

Information about SNOMED CT and FHIR for pathology reporting can be found on the NHS England [Pathology Standards and Implementation website](#).

### [SNOMED CT Case studies](#)

The NHS England SNOMED Implementation team publish case studies on users' experiences of working with SNOMED CT and the NHS England Terminology Server. The latest publication details how software development company WJP Software (WJPS) worked with the NHS Pharmaceutical Aseptic Services Group (PASG) to improve efficiency and accuracy of the essential National Aseptic Error Reporting Scheme (NAERS) using the NHS England Terminology Server.

You can read this and other case studies on NHS England's Terminology and Classifications collaboration platform, [Delen](#).

The NHS England SNOMED Implementation team are always looking to add to their suite of case studies. If you would like to share your stories about the benefits of SNOMED CT and / or the NHS England Terminology Server, they would love to hear from you. Please email [information.standards@nhs.net](mailto:information.standards@nhs.net).

Kind regards,  
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