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Information Standards

[DAPB3107 Ambulance Data Set – New](#)

The Ambulance Data Set (ADS) is a patient-level data set whose purpose is to process robust, comprehensive, nationally consistent, and comparable person-based data on urgent and emergency care activity.

Information about how patients access ambulance services, and the care and treatment that they receive, has historically been collected by all ambulance services as individual standalone data sets. The way this information was collected, reported, and analysed varied, making it time consuming and difficult to look at specific aspects of the patient journey. The ADS will, for the first time, bring together data from all ambulance services nationally to follow and understand patient journeys from the ambulance service into other urgent and emergency healthcare settings.

The ADS will combine data from Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Electronic Patient Record (EPR) systems to achieve the following objectives:

- Create an accessible data warehouse to inform national clinical and operational policy
- Provide a single consistent and comparable data set for benchmarking
- Reduce the informatic burden on ambulance services by replacing the multiple requests that ambulance services currently receive
- Provide services with linked data from other supporting data sets starting with Emergency Care Data Set (ECDS) to provide better information about the patient journey and benefit

paramedics by providing learning about clinical outcomes.

This standard applies to the following organisations and services:

- All 11 Ambulance Services in England are in scope to supply data in support of secondary uses (not for the direct care of the patient).

Implementation and conformance dates:

- implementation of this standard should start from February 2024 (publication of the ISN)
- data collection should start from 1 February 2024
- full conformance is expected by 31 May 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.ambulance@nhs.net.

Further information: <http://digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dapb3107>

[DAPB0011 Mental Health Services Data Set v6.0 – Corrigendum](#)

The current release of DAPB0011 Mental Health Services Data Set (MHSDS) was published on 6 July 2023. Since then the need for minor corrections to the data set have been identified. An updated Technical Output Specification and Change Specification have been released to include these corrections.

This corrigendum provides an overview of all corrections:

- [Corrigendum](#)

Some minor editorial changes have also been made to the TOS and implementation guidance.

Any questions about these changes should be sent to the developers of the Mental Health Services Data Set at enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk (Please quote MHSDS in the subject).

Further information: <http://digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dapb0011>

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 quoting the DAPB number of the items.

Consultations

We provide details of the 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.

[Health and Care Act \(HCA\) 2022 Public Consultation](#)

Currently, the Secretary of State or NHS England may prepare and publish information standards, which the Secretary of State, NHS England, and publicly funded health and adult social care organisations in England 'must have regard to' under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act (HSCA) 2012.

Changes introduced by the Health and Care Act (HCA) 2022, once commenced, will make information standards binding, i.e. they must be complied with, and will extend their application to include private health and adult social care providers. These changes necessitate regulations to establish the procedure for preparing and publishing information standards.

The Department of Health and Social Care is the responsible department for the development and delivery of these regulations. The Department is running a consultation to invite views on the proposals. The consultation contains 14 questions, and should take 10-15 minutes to complete.

If you have any queries on this consultation, please email information-standards-consultation@dhsc.gov.uk.

Closing date: 28 March 2024

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Kind regards,
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