SUS+ Release History

Release 924
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- Repaired a bug in the implementation of evidence-based interventions backed by diagnoses or procedure codes. A small number of extracts failed to execute because of an anomaly in the code. Impacted users were contacted directly and re-submitted their extract requests. (NTS-8857)
- Implement correct ECDS SNOMED validation table, SNOMED translation table and Patient Category processing order (Various tickets).
• Implement 2019/20 PSS tool
• Implement 2019/20 PbR pricing algorithm using Woodward Autogrouper including Evidence Based Intervention pricing
SUS+ Portal Changes

SUS+ Processing Changes

- Start validating submitted provider code against the NHS Organisational Data Service (ODS) reference data. Interchanges with one or more records that contain an invalid provider code will be rejected. The provider organisation will be notified of the rejection via the Interchange Feedback report that is auto generated on processing of an interchange. Providers who have not registered to receive the Interchange Feedback report are advised to do so by contacting the SUS+ helpdesk via the NSD weblog tool (log in required), or call 0300 303 5035.
SUS+ Portal Changes

SUS+ Processing Changes

- Added the two fields related to the validity and number of appearances of the UBRN to the SEM Outpatient extracts. This data appears in both the SEM Outpatients extract and the PbR Full Outpatient Extract (NTS-6972)

NOTE: Support for UBRN/PPID validation is in ‘Beta’ testing stage with the eRS programme. Two new fields are available on Outpatient Extracts however these new fields should be regarded as provisional until BETA testing is complete. A further release note will be issued when BETA testing is complete.
SUS+ Portal Changes

**SUS+ Processing Changes**

- Support for (Unique Booking Reference Number (UBRN) and Patient Pathway Identifier (PPID) validation showing whether a UBRN or PPID quoted on a First Outpatient Attendance record is valid and if it has been used on any other First Outpatient Attendance (NTS-6972)

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SUS+ Portal Changes

- Make the SUS+ Portal GDPR Compliant (NTS-6489)

SUS+ Processing Changes

- Apply correct PSS Subsidiary Codes for 2018/19 data (NTS-6575)
- Correct mapping of SNOMED code 183964008 to 99 (NTS-6556)
- Correct MFF values for provider’s RGN, RQ3, RXV, R1L 2018/19 activity (NTS-6591)
- Implement latest ONS and ODS reference data (NTS-6575)

NOTE: Re-extracting data will yield correct results for the PSS Subsidiary codes, the incorrect SNOMED mapping and the MFF values.
SUS+ Portal Changes

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SUS+ Processing Changes

• Revert Legally Restricted Codes – see What's New page for details (NTS-6414)
• Improve performance of PCD checking (NTS-6442)
• Improve DOB PCD Algorithm (NTS-6320)
• Improve algorithm for checking Names as PCD (NTS-6457)
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SUS+ Portal Changes

SUS+ Processing Changes

- Use Grouping results computed at consolidation (NTS-6440)
- Update valid SNOMED CT lists and translations in accordance with amendments published by TRUD (NTS-6346)
- Apply April ODS data updates (NTS-6431)
SUS+ Portal Changes

SUS+ Processing Changes

• Amend PCD related text on Interchange Feedback report (NTS-6336)
• CAM - For Scottish patients use the ONS SHA_OLD value rather than CCG (NTS-6071)
SUS+ Portal Changes

- Fixed an issue where a request for an ECDS extract prior to 17/18 produced an error (NTS-4980)
- Provide support for Deferred Extracts (NTS-6165)
- Amend Interchange Challenge Report to handle 5-character provider codes (NTS-6310)

SUS+ Processing Changes

- Enable BETA test version of the Interchange Data Quality Report
- Extend the Interchange Notification Email to show inappropriate appearance of PCD data (NTS-6085)
SUS+ Portal Changes

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Providers of data to the SUS+ service can register one or more email addresses (via the SR1 form) to receive an email notification regarding the processing of submitted interchanges. From tonight this email will also include details of PCD data which is found in ‘inappropriate’ fields (e.g. the NHS Number used as all or part of the CDS Unique ID).

The inclusion of PCD data in fields other than the fields that are meant to contain it is considered a data breach. This change is the next step on the roadmap to eradicate these data breaches from SUS+.

The text below will now be included in the Interchange Notification email.

The line in yellow is the total number of records in the interchange for the provider that have one or more PCD item in an inappropriate field.

The lines in green show the number of records for the provider which have the named PCD in the named inappropriate field.

Both of these are structured to facilitate parsing of the data.

**THIS INTERCHANGE CONTAINS PERSON CONFIDENTIAL DATA IN INCORRECT FIELDS.**

IN THE NEAR FUTURE SUCH INTERCHANGES WILL BE REJECTED.

PLEASE CONTACT THE NATIONAL SERVICE DESK ON 0300 03 35 035 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES.

Failure reasons:
- 40: Total number of CDS records containing the instances of PCD value found in non-PCD/candidate field(s)

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- [(Provider Code, Invalid Record Count): [('RJ1', 10), ('RKT', 30)]

- [(Provider Code, PCD Field, PCD value found in non-PCD/candidate field(s) on a cds record, Invalid Record Count): [('RKT', 'nhs_number', 'commissioner_reference_number', 24), ('RKT', 'postcode_of_usual_address', 'provider_reference_number', 15), ('RJ1', 'nhs_number', 'nhs_service_agreement_line_number', 10), ('RKT', 'spell_number', 'provider_reference_number', 3), ('RKT', 'nhs_number', 'provider_reference_number', 3), ('RJ1', 'nhs_number', 'provider_reference_number', 3)]
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This release note focusses on some of the core changes and fixes to SUS+.

Many developments are preparatory in nature for new features to come. Where interesting, these are included to indicate direction towards new capabilities.

NTS-5872
Preparatory work to ready Postcode and DOB checking for PCD leakage. If the PCD fields are blank in CDS then SUS+ will use corresponding PDS values to identify instances where they are being used inappropriately in other fields.

NTS-5682
Preparatory work to send data provider feedback reports via MESH

NTS-6077
Local Pat ID to be included as a field to check for leakage in other fields.

NTS-6027
Preparatory work. SUS+ will be introducing JSON as a file format for extracts (https://www.json.org/)
This creates the outline of a JSON extract for Out Patient CDS Type for consumption, initially, by HES.

NTS-6066 – Bug Fix
CAM - Treat Non-Registered Postcodes as England for A&E. This functionality was missed from the original spec, all pseudo (non-registered) postcodes - “ZZ99 3VZ”, “ZZ99 3WZ” and “ZZ99 3CZ” should be treated as resident in England.

NTS-6067
As above for APC and OP CDS types.
SUS+ Portal Changes

SUS+ Processing Changes

- Apply February 2018 ODS and ONS data changes (NTS-6060)
- Additional fields added to the ECDS 6.2.1 extract relating to the completeness and validity of the Chief Complaint and Primary Diagnosis fields (NTS-6015)

NOTE: Three new fields are added for each of the Chief Complaint and the Primary Diagnosis fields. The details can be found in the PbR Extract Specification. The three fields reflect:

1. If the relevant field was expected to be completed given other data on the record
2. If the relevant field was completed
3. If the data in the relevant field was valid

Field 2 will only be populated if Field 1 is true and Field 3 will only be populated if Field 2 is true.

The CQUIN rules for completing the Chief Complaint and Primary Diagnosis are available from:

SUS+ Portal Changes

- Provide support to isolate ‘expired’ extract specifications so that users can more readily delete or re-use them (NTS-5370)
- Amend the PbR extract specification to better explain the various types of repeating data groups in ECDS (NTS-5685)

SUS+ Processing Changes

- Apply January 2018 ODS and ONS data changes (NTS-5703)
- Missing SNOMED codes added to validation tables. New extracts of ECDS data taken from today will reflect the corrected validation (NTS-5674)
- Additional “Plus” extract types containing details of un-discharged episodes (open spells) (NTS-5679)

NOTE: New versions of the APC Spells and APC Full Online extracts called APC Spells Plus and APC Full Online Plus are now available. These have a new field called “Open Spell Indicator” that will be set to True if the associated spell was not discharged at the time that the extract executed.

New versions of the APC supplementary extracts will be generated when a ‘PLUS’ main extract is generated. These will also have the Plus name and will contain all of the supplementary data related to both the discharged and non-discharged records in the main extracts.

Additional information will be available in the SUS+ PbR Reference Manual.
SUS+ Portal Changes

- Provide support to isolate ‘expired’ extract specifications so that users can more readily delete or re-use them (NTS-5370)
- Amend the PbR extract specification to better explain the various types of repeating data groups in ECDS (NTS-5685)

SUS+ Processing Changes

- Apply December 2017 ODS and ONS data changes (NTS-5703)
- Missing SNOMED codes added to validation tables. New extracts of ECDS data taken from today will reflect the corrected validation (NTS-5674)
SUS+ Portal Changes

- Fixed missing Prime Recipient column in ECDS Backwards Compatible extract (NTS-5548)
- Enable CAM attributes in PbR extracts (NTS-5521)
- Show all Sender Ids for an interchange when viewing in the tracker (NTS-5053)

SUS+ Processing Changes

- Update ODS and ONS data (NTS-5546)
- Additional valid Chief Complaints added (NTS-5363)
- Update CAM Ordinarily Resident Check (Box B) for APC Spells of Non-UK Residents (NTS-5599)
- Amend the process to check READ codes against the list of legally restricted list. Flowing a legally restricted READ code will now result in all episodes in the associated spell being anonymised (NTS-5458)
- Re-admissions extracts available in Beta (NTS-5647)

Note: The Re-admissions view will be populated over the weekend of 16/17 December. The extracts will return an error until the view is populated and users are requested to not execute the extracts until Monday 18 December.
SUS+ Portal Changes

SUS+ Processing Changes

- Update the Legally Restricted codes list to reflect the current consultation list of codes (NTS-5457)
SUS+ Portal Changes

- Add ECDS Supplementary Reports to Backward Compatible Bundle – see screenshots below (NTS-5074)

SUS+ Processing Changes

- Conditional publishing of out of range SNOMED codes on ECDS extracts (NTS-4993)
- Add leading zeros to AE Referral Source field in ECDS Backwards Compatible extract (NTS-5363)
- Correct mapping from ECDS Stated Gender to AE Gender (NTS-5364)

Requesting ECDS Backwards Compatible Bundle (Only available in PbR Marts) and the contents of the bundle.
SUS+ Portal Changes

- Amended Interchange Tracker to reflect XML validation failures (NTS-5219)
- Enable future dating of extracts (NTS-5185)
SUS+ Portal Changes

- Implemented an IG requirement that extracts older than 60 days are deleted from the system (NTS-5132)

- Fixed an issue whereby when a user copied a Scheduled Extract the system would not allow them to amend the requested date range (NTS-5076)
SUS+ Portal Changes

- Fixed an issue where users experienced abnormally long wait times when using the tracker in IE11 (NTS-4566)
- Fixed an issue where the user specified label is overwritten when the user amends dates on a draft extract (NTS-4783)
- Amended the list of providers used to filter extracts so that it contains all organisations that have sent data to SUS+ (NTS-4475)
- Fixed an issue where Delta SEM Accident and Emergency extracts were not available (NTS-5077)

SUS+ Data Processing

- Implementing the latest update of ODS data (NTS-5142)
- “Ward Code” and “Ward Security Level” fields added for Location type 04 and Location Type 05 elements in APC Full Online Extract (Total of 4 fields added). These will now be available at the end of the APC Full Online Extract (NTS-5130)
- Actioned all valid ECDS registration requests received before 0900 04 October. (NTS-5136)
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SUS+ ECDS

- Various updates to reference data to allow individual organisations to submit ECDS data to SUS+ (NTS-5059)
- Amend the handling of streamed records so that they have an exclusion reason of “STREAMED”, all tariff related fields remain blank, the core HRG field is blank and the Final Tariff Applied field is populated with “NO_TARIFF” (NTS-5006)

SUS+ Delta Extracts (BETA)

- Released initial beta version of Delta extract functionality for user evaluation. See attached Powerpoint deck for additional information. Please contact the NSD Helpdesk for additional support.
SUS+ Portal

- Amended GP Practice Derivation so that SUS+ does not use the Interchange Date to search for a PDS record if no match is found on CDS Activity Date. Instead, if no match is found in PDS on the CDS Activity Date, SUS+ will populate the Derived GP Practice with the submitted GP Practice and then use ODS data to populate the CCG associated with the submitted GP Practice. (NTS-4958)
- Enable users to request ECDS backwards compatible extracts from the SUS+ Portal. (NTS-4162)
- Resolved an issue where organisation sites with an ODS type of “Treatment Centre” were treated by SUS+ as non-NHS organisations. (NTS-4939)
SUS+ Portal

- Amended functionality: users are now able to request Critical Care, Ward Stay and Multi-Birth extracts from the Current Mart for more than a single period. These extracts are still constrained in the Reconciliation and Post-reconciliation marts. (NTS-4787)
- Added clarification to the Interchange Tracker to indicate that times are UTC. (NTS-4796)
Data Processing and Extracts

- New “Derived Commissioner” field added to A&E Extracts
  - Field added at end of main extract
  - Contains the SUS+ CAM Derivation for A&E
  - User must select the new field in the Advanced Tab field list
- Added 08/2017 Quarterly Postcode Updates (NTS-4181)
- Issue resolved: when copying an APC extract some columns were being deselected (NTS-4866)
- Issue resolved: Corrected the ordering of “Emergency Care Diagnoses” when the submitted sequence number is zero length
SUS+ Portal

- Fixed an issue where the End Date for bulk interchanges was not displaying correctly on the Tracker (NTS-4767)

Data Processing and Extracts

- Removed Location Type 04 and 05 (Location at start and end of Episode) from the Ward Stays supplementary extract as it is duplicated in the APC Full On-line extract and causes confusion in the Ward Stays supplementary extract (NTS-4587)
- Stopped creating a record in the Ward Stay Supplementary extract where <APCLocationGroup>/<StartOfEpisode>/<SiteCodeOfTreatment> is the only location group tag in an episode. The presence of these artificially created records based on partial data submission causes confusion. (NTS-4714)
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SUS+ Portal

- Fixed an issue where From/To list date filters were not displaying correctly (NTS-4761)

Data Processing and Extracts

- Added functionality to generate monthly submission inventories (NTS-4290)
- Added functionality to return baby records as part of mother’s Subject Access Request (NTS-4718)
- Various amendments required to support ECDS processing
SUS+ Release History

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20:30 14 August 2017

Interchange Tracker

- Resolved a defect where the Sender name was not displaying correctly (NTS-4741)

SUS+ Portal

- Resolved a slow performance issue with scrolling in the SUS+ Portal when rendering large amounts of data. (NTS-4554)
- Fixed a defect. When navigating to the Reorder Columns tab under Advanced Options and searching using the "Find Column" search box the search did not work and no error message was generated. (NTS-4562)

Data Processing and Extracts

- Upgraded SUS+ to obtain ODS and ONS updates directly from published XML. (NTS-4652)
- Resolved an issue where 2 users reported that some extracts where corrupted. Re-running exactly the same extract resulted in a valid file. (NTS-4238)
- Added a new field to all main extract types which lists Copy Recipients (NTS-2490)
Data processing and extracts

- Do not include Name and Address fields in extracts where the activity date on the record is more than 90 days before the date that the extract was requested (NTS-3833)
SUS+ Portal

- Released SUS+ Interchange Tracker (NTS-4288)
  - Changed column heading “Trust Name” to “Sender Name”
  - Introduced a new status of “Unsupported” for interchanges containing Elective Admissions List (EAL), Future Outpatient (FOP) and Psychiatric Census CDS types.
  - Introduce status of “Error” where an interchange failed processing because of a potential error in SUS+ processing. Status of “Rejected” is reserved for an issue where the interchange failed a recognised validation check.

Data processing and extracts

- Enable interchange rejection notifications from SUS+ (NTS-4348)
Data processing and extracts

- Updated legitimate relationships reference data (NTS-4254)
- Updated organisation related reference data (NTS-4214)
Data processing and extracts

- CCG Code 14L added to legitimate relationship reference data (NTS-4265)
- Provide an editable date range selector for extracts (NTS-4226)
Data processing and extracts

- Resolved issue where overlapping episode spells were being priced when they should have been excluded (NTS-4198).
- Resolved issue where the wrong organisation code was being used in scheduled extracts. It will now default to using the organisation code for the extract, when only one organisation’s data is requested, rather than the user organisation code (NTS-3892).
Data processing and extracts

- Fixed the incorrect application of Prescribed Specialist Services (PSS) top-up to outpatient records, affects activities after 01 April 2017 (NTS-4117).
- Fixed the incorrect handling of interchanges where a mix of NET and BULK protocol interchanges are received for the same data (NTS-3610).
- Corrected the retrieval of records where 'Prime Recipient' and 'Copy Recipient' data items use 5-character organisation codes (NTS-3871).
- Correction to generated record identifiers (NTS-3856).

Advisories

- In order to ensure consistency of data all previously processed extract files will no longer be available to download after the change. Draft or Scheduled extracts will not be affected.
- An unavoidable consequence of completing these data fixes has been that some generated record identifiers will change.
SUS+ Portal

- Resolved download issue affecting some users with low bandwidth networks (NTS-4002)

Data processing and extracts

- Mapping of PSS code PS08X changed from NCBPS08X_EXC to CCGPS08S_EXC. Re-running extract will result in updated code. (NTS-3937)
- Corrected the financial period reported for M12 data in the control file. Previously M12 was reported as M00. Re-run of extract will correct the control file. (NTS-4000)
Resolved an issue where the presence of characters that are not part of the WIN-1252 character set caused extracts to fail. Any such characters are now replaced with "?" (a question mark). (NTS-3943)
SUS+ Portal

- Resolved an issue where in some circumstances users were the CNTL file and download screen both reported records in an extract but when downloaded the extract was empty. Users are now able to download the extracts without re-submitting them. (NTS-3625)

Data processing and extracts

- Resolved an issue where the Best Practice tariff was inappropriately applied on 7 HRGs that were flagged as Short Stay Emergency Admissions and did not have the Best Practice flag set. The error affected HRGs KB01C, KB01D, KB01E, KB02G, KB02H, KB02J and KB02K for activity in 2017/18 only. Extracts requested after Thursday 1 June 2017 will contain corrected prices. (NTS-3917)
- Resolved an issue where the Emergency Medicine Waiting Time Conclusion value was incorrectly calculated in some circumstances. Extracts requested after Thursday 1 June 2017 will contain corrected values (NTS-3701)
- Resolved an issue where SUS+ reported a ‘Missing Hospital Spell Number’ error when the Hospital Spell Number had been removed as part of standard processing of a confidential record. (NTS-3923)
- Resolved an issue where Prime and Copy Recipient organisation codes were not normalised for use as a reason for access. This has resulted in incomplete sets of data in some extracts. This fix will resolve data arriving in interchanges after 0800 on Thursday 1 June. A separate fix is being built to resolve this issue for existing data. (NTS-3857)
SUS+ Portal

- Implemented a button on the Extract Download screen to copy Minimum Dataset Information about an extract to the users clipboard to aid support calls. (NTS-3625)
- Resolved an issue where some users reported that incomplete extracts were appearing in download links. Clicking on such a link redirected the user to the Extracts List page and removed any filters. (NTS-3867)

Data processing and extracts

- Resolved an issue where the MFF value was not being populated in APC Spell extracts (NTS-3758)
- On the instruction of NHSE rectified an error in the calculation used by SUS in applying tariff adjustments. Extracts of data related to activity in April 2017 which are taken now will reflect this change in pricing calculation. (NTS-3839)

**NOTE:** This change was reported as being in last week’s release. It is in this week’s. Extracts generated after 24 May 2017 will reflect the new calculation.

For activity prior to April 2017, the formula applied by SUS (and which will be applied by SUS+):

\[ ((A + B + C) \times D) \times E \]

For financial year 1718 and greater, the formula applied by SUS+ is:

\[ (((A + C) \times D) + B) \times E \]

Where:

- **A** = Initial Tariff
- **B** = Aggregate Unbundled Price
- **C** = Excess Bed Day Price
- **D** = Uplift Factor (SSC or PSS depending on year e.g. 1.93)
- **E** = Market Forces Factor
SUS+ Portal

- Resolved an issue where some users were only able to download partial files from the portal. (NTS-3774)

Data processing and extracts

- Resolved an issue where in some cases the Critical Care Excluded Reason was populated with a string longer than the specified 50 Characters (NTS-3738).
- On the instruction of NHS England, rectified an error in the calculation used by SUS in applying tariff adjustments. Extracts of data related to activity in April 2017 which are taken now will reflect this change in pricing calculation (NTS-3839):

  For activity prior to April 2017, the formula applied by SUS (and which will be applied by SUS+):

  \[((A + B + C) * D) * E\]

  For financial year 1718 and greater, the formula applied by SUS+ is:

  \[((A + C) * D + B) * E\]

  Where:
  
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A = Initial Tariff  
B = Aggregate Unbundled Price  
C = Excess Bed Day Price  
D = Uplift Factor (SSC or PSS depending on year e.g. 1.93)  
E = Market Forces Factor

- Amended contents of several fields related to tariff calculation to make them more descriptive. NOTE: These changes do not impact the calculation of the final tariff (NTS-3759):

  Tariff Short Stay Emergency National values should be moved to Tariff Initial Amount National  
  Wherever a valid tariff is applied then the Tariff Description value from ref data should be output in the ‘Final Tariff Applied’ column  
  If no tariff is applied or the episode/spell is excluded from PBR output NO_TARIFF in the ‘Final Tariff Applied’ column

- Resolved an issue where SUS+ was outputting confusing Prescribed Specialist Service codes in the Finished Consultant Episode Service Line List field from Admitted Patient Care extracts (NTS-3734).

- Amended the ‘Code Cleaning’ field on the Emergency Medicine Full Online Extract so that it is always populated to mimic the behaviour of SUS (NTS-1855).
• Resolved an issue where a character coding error caused partial extract to download in some circumstances (NTS-3774).
• Resolved an issue where some blank columns in extracts contain the word “None”. (NTS-3791).
• Resolved an issue where the extract manifest key was not guaranteed to be unique in some cases (NTS-3792).
SUS+ Portal

- Resolved an issue where extracts would fail because it was possible to select an activity date for date periods outside of the scope of SUS+ data (NTS-3614).
- Resolved the flickering in the Chrome browser when viewing lists of extracts (NTS-3565).
- Resolved an issue with the browser reporting long running scripts in Internet Explorer 11 (NTS-3458).

Data processing and extracts

- Amended processing rules to simplify how exclusions are handled. The following rules now apply, and will be reflected in the updated SUS+ Extract Specification (NTS-3668).
  - **PBR Spells Extract**
    - Spell in PBR/Not in PBR = 0 & 1 - Output all relevant price columns
    - Spell in PBR/Not in PBR = 2 Do not populate any tariff columns other than 'Final Tariff Applied' which should equal 'NO TARIFF'
  - **PBR APC Full Online Extracts**
    - Any excluded spell or episode (check spell/episode exclusion reason)
      - Do not populate any tariff columns other than 'Final Tariff Applied' which should equal 'NO TARIFF'

- Resolved a potential issue when a single provider alternates frequently between Bulk and Net submission methods (NTS-3708).

- Resolved an issue where spells are not priced in spells containing more than 88 episodes. Only the first 88 are now priced according to the NHS data dictionary EPISODE NUMBER limit (NTS-3635).
SUS+ Portal

- Resolved an issue where SUS+ used date ranges that were inconsistent with SUS. This could result in SUS+ extracts having a day's fewer records than the equivalent SUS extract. (NTS-3587).

- Resolved an issue where IE11 users were experiencing various issues with data refresh, due to caching issues. (NTS-3592).

- Resolved an issue where some users were getting an error when copying an extract that had been transferred from SUS to SUS+ (NTS-3613)

Data processing and extracts

- Resolved an issue where diagnosis codes of Z380 and Z381 causing extracts to fail (NTS-3577).

- Resolved an issue where Attribute Name and Submitted Value were not populated in the error extract when grouping errors were encountered. (NTS-3549).