

# Data Provision Notice

## MSA: Mixed Sex Accommodation

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## Background

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 (the Act) gives the Health and Social Care Information Centre, now known as [NHS Digital](#) and hereafter referred to by this name, statutory powers, under section 259(1), to require data from health or social care bodies, or organisations that provide health or adult social care in England, where it has been Directed to establish an information system by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care or NHS England.

The data, as specified by NHS Digital in this published Data Provision Notice, is required to support a direction from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to NHS Digital. Therefore, organisations that are in scope of the notice are legally required, under section 259(5) of the Act, to provide the data in the form and manner specified below.

The data was previously collected into Unify 2 under the commencement order from NHS England but is now being collected under a Secretary of State for Health and Social Care direction for NHS Digital to migrate and continue to collect the data.

## Purpose of the collection

The Mixed Sex Accommodation (MSA) collection is required to monitor key performance measures set in the NHS Mandate and NHS Constitution (Pledge: Providers of NHS funded care are expected to eliminate mixed sex accommodation except where it is in the best overall interest of the patient involved or reflects their personal choice).

The collection enables the analysis and publication of consistently defined data to allow patients and members of the public to understand the extent to which MSA provision is continuing at individual organisations. Statistics are classed as Official Statistics and are published monthly with an accompanying statistical press notice. The data, statistical press notice and guidance are available at:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/mixed-sex-accommodation/>

Related links:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-mandate-2016-to-2017>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/supplements-to-the-nhs-constitution-for-england>

## Benefits of the collection

The MSA collection enables the analysis and publication of consistently defined data to allow patients and members of the public to understand the extent to which MSA is occurring at individual organisations. Data is published to enable enhanced patient choice and drive improvement and performance management

## Legal basis for the collection, analysis, publication and dissemination

NHS Digital has been directed by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care under section 254 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012; to establish and operate a system for the migration and continued operation for the collection and analysis of the information specified for this service. A copy of the Direction is published here:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notices/secretary-of-state-directions/the-migration-and-continued-operation-of-the-unify2-collections-through-the-strategic-data-collections-service-direction-2017>

This information is required by NHS Digital under section 259(1)(a) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

In line with section 259(5) of the Act, all organisations in scope, in England, must comply with the requirement and provide information to NHS Digital in the form, manner and period specified in this Data Provision Notice.

This Notice is issued in accordance with the procedure published as part of NHS Digital duty under section 259(8).

## Persons consulted

Following receipt of a direction to establish and operate a system for the migration and continued operation to collect MSA: Mixed Sex Accommodation, NHS Digital has, as required under section 258 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, consulted with the following persons:

- NHS England - the organisation that issued the original direction (under the commencement order).
- Department for Health and Social Care – the organisation from which the current Direction was issued to NHS Digital.
- Data providers - consulted regarding the use of the Strategic Data Collections Service (SDCS) platform.

NHS England has also consulted providers regarding changes to the Unify platform as part of on-going work with NHS Digital.

## Scope of the collection

Under section 259(1)(a) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, this Notice is served in accordance with the procedure published as part of the NHS Digital duty under section 259(8) on the following persons:

- NHS Providers (and Private providers who provide NHS services) with facilities to admit 10 or more patients at any one time.

Under section 259(5) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 the organisation types specified in the above Scope must comply with the Form, Manner and Period requirements below:

## Form of the collection

The collection contains aggregate level data on total occurrences of unjustified mixing in relation to sleeping accommodation submitted by providers. This is broken down by commissioner and to site level.

The structure is provided in the attached spreadsheet and is collected through UNIFY2.

This is linked to ISB 1573 Amd 168/2010, related link is:

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20150107150357/http://www.isb.nhs.uk/documents/isb-1573>

Link to data dictionary:

[http://www.datadictionary.nhs.uk/data\\_dictionary/messages/central\\_return\\_data\\_sets/overviews/mixed-sex\\_accommodation\\_data\\_set\\_overview.asp?shownav=1?query=%22mixed+sex%22&rank=6.828325&shownav=1](http://www.datadictionary.nhs.uk/data_dictionary/messages/central_return_data_sets/overviews/mixed-sex_accommodation_data_set_overview.asp?shownav=1?query=%22mixed+sex%22&rank=6.828325&shownav=1)

The content of the collection has remained largely the same however the standard may not be up-to-date due to changes in the system for example PCTs no longer exist so require minor updates to reflect such changes. NHS Digital and NHS England are currently working together to update and refresh/renew the associated DSAS and data dictionary documentation.

## Manner of the collection

This data will now be collected via the NHS Digital web-based system, Strategic Data Collection Service (SDCS), instead of Unify 2.

The pro forma template should be completed by the submitting organisation and uploaded to NHS Digital via the SDCS online data collection platform.

Further information is available here: <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-collections/strategic-data-collection-service-sdcs>

## Period of the collection

Collection is monthly and ongoing. 2017/18 collection and publication dates have been published. In general the timeframes are as follows:

- provider submission deadline on the 7th working day after the month end
- data is published on the third Thursday of the following month.

For example, for data relating to Nov 2017, the schedule is:

- provider deadline, Mon 11th Dec
- data published, Thurs 21st Dec

Publication schedule for 2018/19 yet to be announced but will follow the same general pattern as described above.

## Data quality

Providers submit their data broken down by commissioner. Information should be used within the organisations submitting data for operational delivery. It is expected that the returns from providers are validated internally, signed off at director level and provide an accurate reflection of the situation in that organisation. NHS Commissioners are also responsible for signing off the data assigned to them.

In addition, NHS England undertakes high level validations of the data submitted by NHS trusts to identify any large errors in the data. These validation routines include querying large differences month on month and trusts with a large number of breaches. Revisions are permitted and any revisions are published at 6-month intervals in accordance with NHS England's revision policy. The impact of revisions are published alongside the revisions in that particular monthly release. Generally, the impact of revisions is very small at national level and doesn't impact upon the long-term trends in the statistics.

## Burden of the collection

### Steps taken by NHS Digital to minimise the burden of collection

In seeking to minimise the burden it imposes on others, in line with sections 253 (2a) and 265(3) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, NHS Digital has an assessment process to validate and challenge the level of burden incurred through introducing new information standards, collections and extractions.

This assurance is carried out by the Data Standards and Assurance Service (DSAS) which assures burden assessment evidence provided as part of the overarching Data Coordination Board (DCB) process. The DCB, acting under authority of the Secretary of State, oversees the assurance and approval of information standards, data collections and data extractions for the health and social care system in England.

The assessments are ongoing for all former Unify2 collections that are moving onto the SDCS platform and will be published in the next version of this data provision notice.

## Help us to identify inappropriate collections

NHS Digital's Challenging Burden Service (CBS) offers a Collection Referral Service which is a simple and confidential way to allow data providers to refer data collections they feel would benefit from further scrutiny.

For more details and information on how to refer a collection, please visit:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/services/the-challenging-burden-service/collection-referral-service>

## Help us to improve this product

We are continually looking at ways to improve the products that we provide to our customers. By taking a few minutes to complete the following questions you will help us to improve future DPNs.

To complete the short survey, please visit:

<https://nhs-digital.citizenspace.com/rocr/ef5cf941>

**For further information**

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