

Data Provision Notice

National Diabetes Audit – Integrated Specialist Services Survey

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Background

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 (the Act) gives [NHS England](#) statutory powers, under section 259(1)(a), to require data from health or social care bodies, or organisations that provide publicly funded 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.

The data, as specified by NHS England in this published Data Provision Notice, is required to support a direction from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to NHS England. 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.

Purpose

NHS England is directed by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to collect and analyse data in connection with the National Diabetes Audit (NDA) including the Integrated Specialist Services (ISS) survey, which is part of the NDA programme of clinical audits (hereafter referred to as the **ISS survey**).

The ISS survey was added to the [National Diabetes Audit \(NDA\) programme](#) in 2020, replacing previous NDA diabetes care surveys. It is an organisational survey that collects information from all specialist services across the NDA programme, encompassing all modules and workstreams, including inpatient diabetes care, foot care and pregnancy in diabetes care. It highlights good quality and/or inadequate practices at service level and identifies where improvement can be made to make a real difference to patient care.

The survey is based on the recommendations in the [Getting It Right First Time Diabetes Report](#) and for pregnancy on [NICE Quality Standard 109 – Diabetes in Pregnancy](#).

The key survey findings are published in national reports and dashboards at national, Integrated Care Board (ICB) and specialist diabetes service level.

NHS England has a statutory obligation to keep collections under review on an ongoing basis. As such a review date must be set at which point NHS England will review the continuing need for this collection.

Benefits

Participation in the ISS survey provides specialist diabetes services with the opportunity to assess the diabetes care they provide and to look at local provision in comparison with similar organisations. Participation allows services to:

- assess local service provision for diabetes against GIRFT recommendations and NICE guidelines
- identify and share best practice
- identify gaps or shortfalls in commissioning services
- inform people with diabetes about the care they receive and about local diabetes service provision and outcomes.

Legal basis for collection, analysis, publication and dissemination

Collection and analysis

NHS England 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 collection and analysis of the information specified for this service. The direction and accompanying requirements specification are published on the NHS England website: <https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/nhs-england-directions/establishment-of-information-systems-for-nhs-services-national-diabetes-audit-directions-2017>

This information is required by NHS England 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 England 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 an NHS England duty under section 259(8).

Publication

Under section 260(1) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, NHS England must publish all information it obtains by complying with a direction under section 254 or a request under section 255 of the Act unless the information falls within section 260(2).

NHS England will incorporate the ISS survey data into the published outputs for the audits in the NDA programme. These take the form of interactive dashboards; annual state of the nation summary reports; bespoke reporting tailored to different audiences (including commissioning bodies, people with diabetes and clinicians) and summary infographics.

The level of granularity for reporting is agreed with stakeholders and in line with NHS England disclosure policy, e.g. specialist service, trust, commissioning and Integrated Care Board (ICB) level.

All reports produced are made available in the public domain, at named provider level. NHS England in consultation with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care considers it is in the public interest to publish information at named provider level.

Dissemination

NHS England will use its discretionary powers under section 261 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to disseminate any information collected or obtained as a result of the National Diabetes Audit Directions 2017 where there is a suitable legal basis.

There is no intention to disseminate ISS survey data via the [Data Access Request Service \(DARS\)](#) at this time.

Persons consulted

Following receipt of a direction to establish a system to collect and analyse National Diabetes Audit data, NHS England has, as required under section 258 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, consulted with the following persons:

- Department of Health and Social Care, as the directing organisation
- Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP)
- Welsh Government
- GIRFT Clinical Leads
- National Clinical Directors
- Clinicians
- Healthcare professionals
- Patient body representatives
- People with diabetes
- Research community
- The Data Alliance Partnership Board (DAPB) - established in November 2020 as part of a system-wide information and technology governance model. The DAPB acts with delegated authority from the Secretary of State as the main governance route through which all data collections and standards requirements are agreed and priorities assigned.

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 England duty under section 259(8) on the following persons:

- specialist diabetes services in England that deliver diabetes care

Diabetes care means responsibility for overseeing the general care of people with diabetes including annual care checks, care planning and review of education needs.

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

Form of the collection

[Appendix A](#) provides a link to the Specification where details of each data item in the ISS survey can be found.

The ISS survey is at organisation level and does not include patient data.

Manner of the collection

The ISS survey is provided annually to all registered services in England delivering specialist diabetes care.

Services are contacted prior to the collection window to confirm the key contact for the collection, who are then registered with an account on the Strategic Data Collection Service (SDCS) platform.

Submitters need to download an Excel template from the SDCS platform, complete the sections relevant to their organisation and upload it to the SDCS platform. Guidance on this collection is available on the [ISS survey webpage](#).

Period of the collection

The ISS survey is conducted at hospital level and carried out on an annual basis in October. Services should answer the survey with the position of their service as at 1 October each year.

Services must submit within a submission window, which is communicated to key contacts ahead of the collection and updated on the [ISS survey webpage](#).

Burden of the collection

Steps taken by NHS England to minimise the burden of collection

NHS England has a statutory duty under section 253(2)(a) of the Act to seek to minimise the burden it imposes on others. In seeking to meet these obligations in relation to this collection, NHS England has:

- combined previous diabetes care surveys into the ISS survey to reduce the burden on services of submitting multiple organisational surveys.
- included validation and help notes within the survey template to minimise services needing to resubmit to correct errors.
- reviewed the data items on a yearly basis to ensure they are relevant.

In addition, in support of its obligation under 265(3) of the Act, NHS England has an assessment process to validate and challenge the level of burden incurred through introducing new information standards, collections and extractions.

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

The burden assessment, including associated costs of the data collection, for the Integrated Specialist Services Survey is being conducted in October 2023 and will be included in the next version of this document.

Appendix A - Specification

The data that will be included in the NDA Integrated Specialist Services survey version 1.0, or the latest amended version as agreed by NHS England, may be found in the Technical Specification on the NDA Programme page on the legacy NHS Digital website:

[National Diabetes Audit Programme](#)