



Department
of Health &
Social Care

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NHS England

25th May 2023

Dear Amanda,

1. The migration and continued operation of the Unify2 collections through the Strategic Data Collections Service (Amendment) Directions 2023

- 1.1 I am writing on behalf of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care (the **Secretary of State**) to amend **The migration and continued operation of the Unify2 collections through the Strategic Data Collections Service Direction 2017** (the **Original Directions**¹).
- 1.2 These Directions are given in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 254(1) and 304(9) to (12) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (the **2012 Act**²), section 13ZC National Health Service Act 2006³ and regulation 32 of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Constitution and Functions) and the Health and Social Care Information Centre (Functions) Regulations 2013⁴ and come into force on the date after the day on which they are signed.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Original Directions were issued to the Health and Social Care Information Centre (**NHS Digital**) by the Secretary of State on 30 November 2017 and are umbrella directions covering a number of data collections (**Unify2 collections**) for which NHS England is the 'lead

¹ The migration and continued operation of the Unify2 collections through Strategic Data Collections Service Direction 2017 - NHS Digital. A hard copy of the directions can be obtained from Department of Health and Social Care, 39 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0EU

² 2012 c.7. Relevant amendments were made by the Health and Social Care Information Centre (Transfer of Functions, Abolition and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/98)

³ 2006 c.41. Section 13ZC was inserted by section 45 of the Health and Care Act 2022 (c.31).

⁴ S.I. 2013/259 as amended by S.I. 2023/98.

organisation', as referred to in paragraph 6 of, and Annex A, to the Original Directions.

2.2 NHS Digital was abolished, and its functions transferred to NHS England, on 1 February 2023 by virtue of the Health and Social Care Information Centre (Transfer of Functions, Abolition and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2023/98 (the **Regulations**⁵). By virtue of transitional provisions contained in the Regulations, the Original Directions have effect as if references to NHS Digital were references to NHS England and, accordingly, those Directions have effect as if given to NHS England. These Directions varying the Original Directions are therefore issued to NHS England.

3. Requirement for these Directions

3.1 In accordance with section 254(2)(a) of the 2012 Act, the Secretary of State considers that the information which was being obtained by complying with the Original Directions as amended by these directions is information which is necessary or expedient for the Secretary of State to have in relation to the exercise by the Secretary of State of his functions in connection with the provision of health services or of adult social care in England.

3.2 In accordance with section 254(5) of the 2012 Act, the Secretary of State has consulted NHS England before giving these Directions.

4. Amendment to the Original Directions

For Annex A to the Original Directions there is substituted the Annex A set out in the Annex to these Directions (and accordingly NHS England must cease to collect the information set out in Annex B).

5. Continuing effect of the Original Directions

These Directions supplement the Original Directions, which will continue in force, as amended by these Directions.

Yours sincerely



Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

Date signed 25th May 2023

⁵ S.I. 2023/98.

Annex

Annex A – Unify 2 collections to be migrated

Collection	Collection Description	Lead Organisation
PREVENT	Prevent strategy	NHS England
QWC1	Wheelchairs	NHS England
KH03	Bed availability and occupancy	NHS England
QMCO	Quarterly Monitoring - Cancelled Operation	NHS England
VTE	Venous Thromboembolism Risk Assessment	NHS England
FFTest-AE	Friends and Family Test - A&E	NHS England
FFTest-Amb	Friends and Family Test - Ambulance	NHS England
FFTest-CH	Friends and Family Test – Community Health	NHS England
FFTest-IP	Friends and Family Test - Inpatient	NHS England
FFTest-OP	Friends and Family Test - Outpatient	NHS England
FFTest-Mat	Friends and Family Test - Maternity	NHS England
FFTest-MH	Friends and Family Test – Mental Health	NHS England
NationalQuarterlyPulseSurvey (previously FFTSTFNM)	Friends and Family Test - Staff Non Matrix	NHS England
PCAR	Primary Care Activity Report	NHS England
AmbCo	Ambulance Quality and Clinical Outcomes	NHS England
AmbSys	Ambulance Quality and Systems Indicators	NHS England
IUCADC Monthly (previously IUC MDS)	Integrated Urgent Care – Development	NHS England
IUCADC Weekly (previously N111WSit)	Integrated Urgent Care – Development	NHS England
NHS111PS	NHS111 Patient Survey	NHS England
CHC	Continuing Health Care - Funded Care report	NHS England
MSitAE	Emergency Care Monthly Situation Report	NHS England
CanPtI2	TDA Cancer PTL 2nd version	NHS England
NStf_Fil	Nurse Staffing Fill Rate	NHS England
RTT	18 Weeks referral to Treatment	NHS England
ADWT	Audiology Waiting Times	NHS England
DM01	Diagnostics Monthly collection	NHS England
MRR (previously MAR & QAR)	Monthly Referrals Return	NHS England
MSA	Mixed-Sex Accommodation	NHS England

RefCosts	Reference Costs Collection	NHS England
WRES	Workforce Race and Equality Standards Team (WRES)	NHS England
Planning (previously Planning AMC) (previously Planning AMO)	Commissioner Planning Rounds	NHS England
Workforce Planning	Provider Planning Rounds	NHS England
DIAB	Diabetes Transformation Metrics Collection	NHS England

Annex B – Unify 2 - Retired Collections

Collection	Collection Description	Lead organisation
SEPSIS	Sepsis Commissioning for Quality and Innovation quarterly collection	NHS England
TIR	Transformation Indicator Reporting	NHS England
QNC Beds	Quarterly Non-Consultant Led Beds	NHS England
Hol111	Bank Holiday Assurance for 111	NHS England
MAR ⁶	Monthly Activity Return	NHS England
MHProvCom	Mental Health Community Teams Activity Return	NHS England
QAR ⁶	Quarterly Activity Return	NHS England
EIP	Early Intervention Psychosis Pathways Monthly	NHS England
QDiagCens	Quarterly Diagnostic Census	NHS England
N111WSI ⁷	N111 Weekly Sit Rep	NHS England
StaffHWB	Staff Health and Well Being CQUIN	NHS England
QPLC1718	Quality premium	NHS England
ChildIM2 ⁸	Child Immunisation	NHS England
IUC MDS ⁹	Integrated Urgent Care – Development	NHS England
MSitDT	Delayed Transfers of Care	NHS England
DAR	Dementia Assessment and Referral	NHS England
IUCADC Daily (previously Daily 111)	Integrated Urgent Care Aggregated Data Collection	NHS England
CYPED	Children and Young People with an Eating Disorder	NHS England
MSitRep	Monthly Situation Reports - Critical Care Bed Capacity and Urgent Operations Cancelled	NHS England
Junior Doctors	Rota notification for junior doctors in training	NHS England

***** Safe Staffing is the same collection as NstFil

⁶ MAR / QAR – were merged to become MRR – Requirements Specification published to capture this change.
⁷ N111WSit – was changed to IUCADC Weekly - Requirements Specification published to capture the change.

⁸ ChildIM2 was merged with a PHE collection – Cover, and is now under a different direction:
<https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/public-health-england-directions/cover-of-vaccination-evaluated-rapidly-cover-direction-2019>

⁹ IUCMDC – name change to IUCADC Monthly – (captured in the same Requirements Specification as the N111WSit) (Daily 111 Winter Pressures ended and became IUCADC Daily – also in same Requirements Specification)