

Information Standards Notice – Conversion

Following recommendation by the Standardisation Committee for Care Information (SCCI), NHS England has provided authority to publish the following information standard under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

This information standard was formerly approved by the Information Standards Board for Health and Social Care (ISB).

Standard details	
SCCI unique identifier	SCCI1577 Amd 10/2011
Name	Diagnostic Imaging Data Set
Acceptance date	17 July 2016
Approval date	25 July 2016
Publication date	5 October 2016
Standard definition	
Description	<p>The Diagnostic Imaging Data Set (DIDS) is a central collection of detailed information about diagnostic imaging tests carried out on NHS patients, extracted and submitted monthly. The data set captures information about referral source and patient type; details of the test (type of test and body site); demographic information such as GP registered practice, patient postcode, ethnicity, gender and date of birth; plus items about waiting times for each diagnostic imaging event, from time of test request through to time of reporting.</p> <p>The data set is collected at patient level and includes patient identifiers to enable linkage to other data sets, most notably cancer registration data. Combined, these data items give powerful information about access of NHS patients to diagnostic imaging tests across the country.</p> <p>The initial release of this information standard was published by ISB in March 2012. In April 2014, SCCI replaced ISB; it makes recommendation to the Department of Health and / or NHS England on the publication of information standards. In this instance, SCCI has worked with the developer to assure that this information standard is fit to be published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 without making changes to the content of the information standard.</p>
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services
Applies to	<p>All directly provided and/or commissioned providers of NHS imaging diagnostic tests, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all radiology departments • community-based providers of diagnostic services • independent sector providers / social enterprises. <p>The standard only relates to diagnostic imaging tests recorded in</p>

	Radiology Information Systems (RIS) and not separate systems such as for breast screening and mobile cardiac ultrasound activity.
Impacts upon	System suppliers of Radiology Information Systems should work with their customers to determine the impact of this information standard and any required changes.
Legal authority	This information standard is published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The data collection is the subject of Directions from NHS England to NHS Digital: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/543403/DIDs_Signed_Directions.pdf
Link to further documentation	The specification and implementation guidance documents are available on the NHS Digital website: www.content.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/sccci1577
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Dates	
Full conformance date	This is a conversion of an existing standard under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. Full conformance is expected to be in place already.
Post Implementation Review date	01/10/2017

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