

Information Standards Notice – Change

Acting under delegated authority from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, the Data Alliance Partnership Board (DAPB) has approved a change to an existing information standard for publication under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

You must comply with the change to this standard by the full conformance date specified below.

Standard details	
DAPB unique identifier	DAPB3085
Name	NHS All Age Continuing Care (AACC) Data Set
Approval date	19 December 2023
Publication date	20 August 2024
Standard definition	
Description	<p>The AACC data set is a patient-level, secondary uses data set which will cover all aspects of NHS AACC, where AACC refers to the following commissioned services, as defined in the National Framework for Continuing Healthcare and NHS-funded Nursing Care and the Children and Young People’s Continuing Care National Framework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Continuing Healthcare (NHS CHC) • NHS-funded Nursing Care (FNC) • Joint packages of health and social care • Children and Young People’s (CYP) Continuing Care <p>The AACC data set will capture the end-to-end commissioning of NHS AACC services, from initial checklist through to assessment, to the commissioning and monitoring of individual care packages, regular and ad-hoc care package and eligibility reviews, and eligibility disputes.</p> <p>This data set has been developed to support three aims of delivering:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Better Outcomes, 2. Better Experience and 3. Better use of resources, by providing detailed evidence that is currently unavailable.
About this change	<p>Prior to the development of the AACC data set v2.0 standard, continuing care data was gathered through the NHS Continuing Healthcare Patient Level Data Set (NHS CHC PLDS) v1.0 standard and through a quarterly aggregated return, both submitted by responsible commissioners. The scope and potential for further development of the aggregate return is limited due to the practical size constraints of a template-based data collection, and the suitability of some data of an aggregated return, hence the development of the CHC PLDS.</p>

	<p>The CHC PLDS v1.0 standard is based upon the National Framework for Continuing Healthcare and NHS-Funded Nursing Care, which applies to persons aged 18 or over only, and as such the v1.0 standard is designed to only accept data on patients of this age. The scope of the AACC data set v2.0 standard is expanded to include under 18s receiving continuing care under the National Framework for Children and Young People's Continuing Care.</p> <p>The enhanced data will show where patients are being placed out of area, where care packages are being changed frequently, and other evidence that may indicate poor outcomes for patients, that can be identified and addressed.</p> <p>This allows monitoring of patients going through local appeals processes, to ensure these are resolved quickly and highlight responsible commissioners where high numbers of eligibility decisions are being overturned on appeal. The data set allows linkage at patient-level to other data sets, so increased/reduced hospital admissions, medication and other important attributes are visible.</p>
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services
Applies to	All responsible commissioners of NHS AACC services are required to submit this data.
Impacts upon	Implementation of this information standard impacts all health IT systems suppliers providing systems to the above providers; suppliers should work with their customers to determine necessary changes.
Legal authority	<p>This information standard is published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.</p> <p>This information standard is the subject of Directions under section 254 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to NHS England, 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</p> <p>NHS England will be issuing a section 259 notification, under the Act, to notify providers of the requirement to supply data. This will be published on the NHS England website: https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/dataprovision-notice-dpns</p>
Link to further documentation	The Change Specification, Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS England website: www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dapb3085

	Further guidance is published by NHS England: https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-sets/continuing-health-care-data-set/nhs-all-age-continuing-care-aacc-patient-level-data-set
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Dates	
Implementation date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - From 1 April 2025 all in scope organisations MUST be able to collect the information locally - From 1 May 2025 all in scope organisations MUST begin ongoing monthly AACC data set submissions
Full conformance date	31 May 2025
Post Implementation Review date	31 May 2026

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