

Information Standards Notice – New

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

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

Standard details	
DAPB unique identifier	DAPB4042 Amd 75/2021
Name	Transfer of Care – Acute Inpatient Discharge Standard, Initial Standard
Approval date	31 January 2022
Publication date	3 February 2022
Standard definition	
Description	<p>This new information standard presents a combined product which aims to improve patient care through the digital transfer of structured inpatient and day case discharge documents from secondary care to GP practices.</p> <p>This is achieved through bringing together multiple components (“layers”) to support the recording of information and the onward transmission to, and receipt by, GP IT systems.</p> <p>These layers are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical: use of the Professional Record Standards Body (PRSB) eDischarge standard as the underlying information model (at release 2.1). • Terminology: alignment with the national information standards SCCI0034 SNOMED CT and SCCI0052 Dictionary of medicines and devices (dm+d). • Technology and representation: use of Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) profiles to pull together the structured information required to send to the GP IT system. • Transport: use of the Message Exchange for Social Care and Health (MESH) for the transmission of the FHIR representation to the GP IT system. <p>The standard helps to achieve the ambitions of the NHS Digital Transfer of Care initiative and is the first in a series of standards to be released over the coming months (covering emergency care, mental health and outpatient</p>

	settings). While the Transfer of Care initiative has been mandated by the NHS Standard Contract, it has only lately been possible for all GP IT systems to successfully receive the discharge correspondence through this initiative.
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services
Applies to	Acute Trusts (NHS or independent sector commissioned by the NHS to provide secondary care) providing ordinary and day case admissions.
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. Implementation within GP IT systems is managed through NHS Digital's GP IT Futures framework .
Legal authority	This information standard is published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. Conformance with this standard is a requirement of the NHS Standard Contract, Service Condition 11 .
Link to further documentation	The Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS Digital website: www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dapb4042 Further guidance is published by NHS Digital: https://digital.nhs.uk/services/transfer-of-care-initiative
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Post Implementation Review date	31 October 2023

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