

Data Coordination Board

Information Standards Notice – Change

Acting under delegated authority from the Secretary of State for Health, the Data Coordination Board (DCB) 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	
DCB unique identifier	DCB0134 Amd 18/2017
Name	Surveillance of Healthcare Associated Infections, Version 3.0
Approval date	15 December 2017
Publication date	20 December 2017
Standard definition	
Description	<p>This information standard supports the national surveillance programme managed by Public Health England in respect of Healthcare Associated Infections (HCAI):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meticillin resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA) • Meticillin susceptible <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MSSA) • <i>Clostridium difficile</i> infection (CDI) • <i>Escherichia coli</i> (<i>E. coli</i>) <p>The data are used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify trends in the prevalence of HCAI • monitor progress on infection control • provide epidemiological evidence to inform action to reduce HCAI • provide information to the public to support patient choice.
About this change	<p>To support the Government ambition for a 50% reduction in healthcare associated Gram-negative bacteraemia by 2020/21, this release extends the mandatory surveillance to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Klebsiella</i> spp. • <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>.
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services
Applies to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute trusts • Independent healthcare providers registered with the Care Quality Commission
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	This information standard is published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

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	<p>Public Health England has approval under Regulation 3 of the Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002 to collect and process patient identifiable information (CAG reference: PIAG 3(a)/2001).</p> <p>The requirements of the information standard are underpinned by The Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of Practice on the Prevention and Control of Infections and Related Guidance</p> <p>The requirements for independent providers are reinforced by the Competition and Markets Authority Order 2014 which reiterated their obligation to provide patient-level information on facility-acquired infection rates.</p>
Link to further documentation	<p>The Specification, Change Specification and Implementation Guide are available on the NHS Digital website: www.content.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dcb0134</p> <p>Further guidance is published by Public Health England at: https://hcaidcs.phe.org.uk/WebPages/GeneralHomePage.aspx</p>
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Dates	
Implementation dates	Changes were fully effective from 01 October 2017 and providers must ensure full conformance with this standard by 31 March 2018.
Post Implementation Review date	31 December 2018

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