

Information Standards Notice – Amendment

Details are given below of a change to an information standard formerly approved by the Information Standards Board for Health and Social Care (ISB). The change has been accepted by the Standardisation Committee for Care Information (SCCI), the successor to ISB, under the transitional provisions for the national governance of information standards and collections (including extractions) (ISCEs).

Please note that this information standard is not published under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

You should comply with this change by the implementation date specified.

Enquiries about the use of this information standard should be directed to the business lead specified below.

Standard and release details	
SCCI unique identifier	SCCI1521 Amd 17/2014
Name	Cancer Outcomes and Services Dataset
Acceptance date	28 January 2015
Publication date	19 February 2015
Release definition	
Release title	Version 6
Description	<p>This is a change to the standard which introduces some amendments to the current dataset, an extension of scope and a revision of the current schema specification in order to continue to meet the business objectives of the standard. There has also been an extension to the deadline for submitting data in XML structured format agreed for pathology in recognition of the difficulties encountered in meeting the initial deadline of January 2015. The deadline has now been extended to 1 January 2016 and Providers are asked to provide a plan to the NCRS for meeting this requirement by July 2015.</p> <p>The changes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relax mandation in schema specification for all except linkage items from 'mandatory' to 'required' in order to support registration process and provide early identification of gaps in data. • Extend scope for recurrences from breast cancer cases only to all recurrences, with a minimal collection of demographic and diagnosis data only. • Extend deadline for XML submissions of pathology data to 1 January 2016.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to dataset: In order to align with current business needs and clinical practice, and to support data quality, 32 new items have been added. Most of these data are collected already in cancer management systems (for example the date when the stage data was recorded). <p>A further two items have been added to support a pilot project and will only be required for agreed pilot sites (holistic needs assessment data).</p> <p>Two items have been deleted - one is a duplication and the other has been replaced by a new item.</p> <p>Twenty seven data items have been amended to align with changes in clinical practice or other datasets (eg revisions to Royal College of Pathologists datasets), to support data quality (eg identify absence of a condition as opposed to value not being entered) or as a result of requests during implementation (eg additional options for recording the role of the clinical nurse specialist). A small number of these are corrections to administrative errors.</p> <p>Four items have been moved to a different section, either to better reflect the collection point on the patient pathway or because they no longer need to be submitted directly by providers and can be derived nationally.</p> <p>Minor modifications have been made to 32 data items for better synchronisation across the NHS Data Model and Dictionary or for clarification of descriptions and do not impact the collection of the data.</p>
Standard definition	
Description	<p>The Cancer Outcomes and Services Dataset (COSD) is a compiled dataset which provides the standard for secondary uses information required to support implementation and monitoring of Improving Outcomes: a Strategy for Cancer (IOSC).</p> <p>This standard consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A set of individual data items, with their definitions. • The assemblage of these data items into collection areas. • The means of flowing the data items. • Compilation of the data items into a single reconciled and verified dataset.

	<p>The COSD has replaced the former National Cancer Dataset (NCDS) (including the approved site specific data items such as those for breast, colorectal, lung, head and neck, urological, upper gastrointestinal, gynaecological, sarcoma and skin cancers), and the former Cancer Registration Dataset. It incorporates the National Cancer Waiting Times Monitoring Dataset (NCWTMDS) and items from the Systemic Anti Cancer Therapy Dataset (SACT) and the Radiotherapy Dataset (RTDS), all of which also remain as separate standards.</p> <p>All patients diagnosed with or receiving cancer treatment in or funded by the NHS in England are covered by the standard. This includes adult and paediatric cancer patients.</p> <p>Providers of cancer services are required to provide a monthly return on all cancer patients diagnosed from 1 January 2013 using this dataset. Data is collated via the NCRS local offices, and former mechanisms for transmission of data from Providers to registries have been extended to carry the COSD dataset.</p>
Scope	NHS
Applies to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancer centres, cancer units and all other providers of NHS • commissioned cancer services • Developers and suppliers of electronic systems for use in NHS commissioned cancer centres and NHS provider services • Organisations purchasing electronic systems for use in NHS commissioned cancer centres and NHS provider services • Users of secondary data about cancer at both national and local levels, including: <p>At a national level: the Department of Health (DH), National Cancer Intelligence Network (NCIN) and other appropriate national information, research and service planning organisations, e.g. The Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC), National Cancer Action Team (NCAT), Cancer Programme Board, Care Quality Commission (CQC), Monitor, Public Health Observatories (PHOs), NHS Improving Quality.</p> <p>At a local level: Cancer Networks, the Cancer Registries, Commissioners and Provider Organisations</p>
Link to further documentation	The specification and implementation guidance documents are available on the HSCIC website:

	www.hscic.gov.uk/isce/publication/scci1521
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