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**Glossary of Terms:**

Term	Acronym	Definition
Commissioning Data Sets	CDS	Commissioning Data Sets (CDS) form the basis of data on activity carried out by NHS Trusts reported centrally for monitoring and payment purposes.
Hospital Episode Statistics	HES	Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) is the national statistical data warehouse for England of the care provided by NHS hospitals and for NHS hospital patients treated elsewhere. HES is the data source for a wide range of healthcare analysis for the NHS, Government and many other organisations and individuals.
Patient Administration System	PAS	Patient Administration Systems have developed out of the automation of administrative paperwork in healthcare organisations, particularly hospitals, and are one of the core components of a hospital's IT infrastructure. The PAS records the patient's demographics (e.g. name, home address, date of birth) and details all patient contact with the hospital, both outpatient and inpatient
Payment by Results	PbR	The financial system providing a transparent, rules-based system for paying healthcare providers, where payment is linked to activity.
Secondary Uses Service	SUS	SUS is the single, comprehensive repository for healthcare data which enables a range of reporting and analyses to support the NHS in the delivery of healthcare services
Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention	QIPP	The Government has reaffirmed the need to place quality of care at the heart of the NHS. The White Paper, Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS (July 2010) makes it clear that quality cannot be delivered through top down targets but by focusing on outcomes, giving real power to patients and devolving power and accountability to the frontline.
Treatment Function Code	TFC	This represents the specialised service within which the patient is treated.

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# 1 Overview

This product precisely defines the information standard, what it is and how it should be implemented. It is the formal definition of the standard. The quality criterion for the product is that those responsible for co-ordinating the implementation of information standards in health and social care (including the supplier community) are able to implement the information standard.

## 1.1 Summary

The table below contains a summary of the information standard.

Standard	
Standard Number	ISB 0028
Standard Title	National Specialty List
Description	<p>The National Specialty List comprises the Main Specialty and Treatment Function classifications and is used to support the national reporting and analysis of activity throughout the NHS through datasets such as the commissioning datasets (CDS).</p> <p><b>Main Specialty</b> is the specialty within which a Consultant is recognised or contracted to the organisation. It is aligned to specialties recognised by the Royal Colleges and Faculties or General Dental Council which are defined by the General and Specialist Medical Practice (Education, Training and Qualifications) Order 2003 or the General Dental Council (Specialist List) Regulations 2008.</p> <p>Default/Pseudo-Main Specialty Codes to identify the work of non-consultant lead professionals such as midwives, nurses and other care professionals have also been included. Examples include: [100] General Surgery, [710] Adult Mental Health, [960] Allied Health Professional Episode.</p> <p><b>Treatment Function</b> is the specialised service within which the patient is treated. It includes most of the main specialties and also approved sub-specialties, special interests and services provided by non-doctors and dentists.</p> <p>Treatment Function codes are used to record activity undertaken, irrespective of the type of Healthcare Professional who performs it, and is not restricted to consultants. Examples include: [191] Pain Management, [653] Podiatry, [720] Eating Disorders.</p>
Subject	<p>All consultants contracted with NHS Organisations under a particular recognised specialty in regards to the Main Specialty List.</p> <p>Treatment Function Codes are used to record activity undertaken, irrespective of the type of Healthcare Professional who performs it, and is not restricted to consultants only.</p>

Users	<p><b>Primary Users</b></p> <p>Suppliers of PAS and clinical systems: will responsible for changing systems to include the new codes on existing value lists or where local codes are already available migrating or mapping to the new codes for national reporting purposes.</p> <p>Informatics Staff/IT Staff: will be responsible for the configuration of systems including the setting up of consultant details with their recognised and contracted specialty.</p> <p><b>Secondary Users</b></p> <p>The updated standard will be used by a wide variety of organisations for the national analysis of activity by main specialty including Hospital Episode Statistics (HES).</p> <p>Used within all NHS Organisations who employ consultants and report activity nationally.</p>
Working practice	This standard will be used in the configuration of patient administration systems (PAS) when setting up details of consultants or Healthcare Professionals.

## 1.2 Releases

Release Type	Date Published	Release Number	Release Title	Specification
Future	31/08/2012	Amd 17/2012	<a href="#">Changes to Treatment Function Codes</a>	<a href="#">National Specialty List/Treatment Function List v2.6 Specification</a>
Current	09/02/2011	Amd 170/2010	<a href="#">Changes to Treatment Function Codes</a>	<a href="#">Technical Specification (XLS, 387KB)</a>
Superseded	11/08/2010	Amd 110/2010	<a href="#">Changes to Main Specialty</a>	<a href="#">NSL Specification Version 2.4 (PDF, 73Kb)</a>
Superseded	12/02/2007	DSCN 02/2007	<a href="#">Extension of Treatment Function</a>	<a href="http://www.isb.nhs.uk/documents/isb-0028/dscn-02-2007">http://www.isb.nhs.uk/documents/isb-0028/dscn-02-2007</a>

### 1.3 Controlled Documents

Ref #	Reference	Title
Amd 17/2012	Change Request	<a href="#">TFC Change Request v1.0</a>
Amd 17/2012	Information Standards Notice	<a href="#">TFC Information Standards Notice</a>

### 1.4 Supporting Documents

Reference	Title
Standard Specification	<a href="#">National Specialty List/Treatment Function List v2.6 Specification</a>
NHS Data Dictionary Change Paper	<a href="#">NHS Data Model and Dictionary Change Paper</a>
Guidance	<a href="#">National Specialty List/Treatment Function Codes Guidance</a>
Maintenance Plan	<a href="#">MS-TFC_DatasetMaintenancePlan_v0.4.doc</a>
TFMG Terms of Reference	<a href="#">TFMG ToR v1.5.doc</a>
TFMG Acceptance Criteria	<a href="#">TFMG Criteria v.1.3.doc</a>

### 1.5 Related Standards

Ref #	Reference	Description
ISB 0092	<b>Commissioning Data Sets (CDS)</b>	The primary purpose of national data sets is to enable conformant health information to be generated across the country, independent of the organisation or system that maintains it. The Commissioning Data Sets are a consolidation of several earlier minimum data sets including the Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) Data Set. DSCNs 07/2000 and 08/2000 detail this consolidation.

## 2 Specification

This specification relates to version 2.6 of the National Specialty List Dataset. The National Specialty list comprises Main Specialty codes and Treatment Function codes, both of which are used to report activity throughout the NHS.

### 2.1 Main Specialty

Main Specialty codes represent the specialty within which a Consultant is recognised or contracted to the organisation. They are used to report activity in relation to the type of professionals involved.

Specialty Category	Code	Main Specialty Title
Surgical		Surgical Specialties
Surgical	100	GENERAL SURGERY
Surgical	101	UROLOGY
Surgical	110	TRAUMA & ORTHOPAEDICS
Surgical	120	ENT
Surgical	130	OPHTHALMOLOGY
Surgical	140	ORAL SURGERY
Surgical	141	RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY
Surgical	142	PAEDIATRIC DENTISTRY
Surgical	143	ORTHODONTICS
Surgical	145	ORAL & MAXILLO FACIAL SURGERY
Surgical	146	ENDODONTICS
Surgical	147	PERIODONTICS
Surgical	148	PROSTHODONTICS
Surgical	149	SURGICAL DENTISTRY
Surgical	150	NEUROSURGERY
Surgical	160	PLASTIC SURGERY
Surgical	170	CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY
Surgical	171	PAEDIATRIC SURGERY
Surgical	180	ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY
Surgical	190	ANAESTHETICS
Surgical	191	no longer in use
Surgical	192	CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE
Surgical	199	Non-UK provider; specialty function not known, treatment mainly surgical

Medical		Medical Specialties
Medical	300	GENERAL MEDICINE
Medical	301	GASTROENTEROLOGY
Medical	302	ENDOCRINOLOGY
Medical	303	CLINICAL HAEMATOLOGY
Medical	304	CLINICAL PHYSIOLOGY
Medical	305	CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY
Medical	310	AUDIOLOGICAL MEDICINE
Medical	311	CLINICAL GENETICS
Medical	312	CLINICAL CYTOGENETICS and MOLECULAR GENETICS
Medical	313	CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY and ALLERGY
Medical	314	REHABILITATION
Medical	315	PALLIATIVE MEDICINE
Medical	320	CARDIOLOGY
Medical	321	PAEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY
Medical	325	SPORTS AND EXERCISE MEDICINE
Medical	326	ACUTE INTERNAL MEDICINE
Medical	330	DERMATOLOGY
Medical	340	RESPIRATORY MEDICINE (also known as thoracic medicine)
Medical	350	INFECTIOUS DISEASES
Medical	352	TROPICAL MEDICINE
Medical	360	GENITOURINARY MEDICINE
Medical	361	NEPHROLOGY
Medical	370	MEDICAL ONCOLOGY
Medical	371	NUCLEAR MEDICINE
Medical	400	NEUROLOGY
Medical	401	CLINICAL NEURO-PHYSIOLOGY
Medical	410	RHEUMATOLOGY
Medical	420	PAEDIATRICS
Medical	421	PAEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY
Medical	430	GERIATRIC MEDICINE
Medical	450	DENTAL MEDICINE SPECIALTIES
Medical	451	SPECIAL CARE DENTISTRY
Medical	460	MEDICAL OPHTHALMOLOGY
Medical	499	Non-UK provider; specialty function not known, treatment mainly medical

Medical	500 †	OBSTETRICS and GYNAECOLOGY
Medical	501	OBSTETRICS
Medical	502	GYNAECOLOGY
Medical	504	COMMUNITY SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
Medical	510	no longer in use
Medical	520	no longer in use
Medical	560	MIDWIFE EPISODE
Medical	600	GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTICE
Medical	601	GENERAL DENTAL PRACTICE
Medical	610	no longer in use
Medical	620	no longer in use
<b>Psychiatry</b>		<b>Psychiatry</b>
Psychiatry	700	LEARNING DISABILITY
Psychiatry	710	ADULT MENTAL ILLNESS
Psychiatry	711	CHILD and ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY
Psychiatry	712	FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY
Psychiatry	713	PSYCHOTHERAPY
Psychiatry	715	OLD AGE PSYCHIATRY
<b>Radiology</b>		<b>Radiology</b>
Radiology	800	CLINICAL ONCOLOGY (previously RADIOTHERAPY)
Radiology	810	RADIOLOGY
<b>Pathology</b>		<b>Pathology</b>
Pathology	820	GENERAL PATHOLOGY
Pathology	821	BLOOD TRANSFUSION
Pathology	822	CHEMICAL PATHOLOGY
Pathology	823	HAEMATOLOGY
Pathology	824	HISTOPATHOLOGY
Pathology	830	IMMUNOPATHOLOGY
Pathology	831	MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY AND VIROLOGY
Pathology	832	no longer in use
Pathology	833	MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY (also known as Microbiology and Bacteriology)
Pathology	834	MEDICAL VIROLOGY
<b>Other</b>		<b>Other</b>
Other	900	COMMUNITY MEDICINE

Other	901	OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE
Other	902	COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES DENTAL
Other	903	PUBLIC HEALTH MEDICINE
Other	904	PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL
Other	950	NURSING EPISODE
Other	960	ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EPISODE
Other	990	no longer in use

#### Notes

† Code 500 is not acceptable for Central Returns including HES

Pseudo Main Specialty codes should be used in CDS messages for lead CARE PROFESSIONALS other than CONSULTANT medical and dental staff eg 560, 950 and 960.

The Main Specialty for GPs is General Medical Practice or General Dental Practice

Joint Consultant Clinic activity should be recorded against the MAIN SPECIALTY CODE of the CONSULTANT managing the clinic

## 2.2 Treatment Function

Treatment Function Codes represent the specialised service within which the patient is treated. They include most of the Main Specialties and, in addition, the approved sub-specialties, special interests and services provided by non doctors and dentists. They are used to report activity in relation to the type of service provided.

Specialty Category	Code	Treatment Function Title	Definition
<b>Surgical</b>		<b>Surgical Specialties</b>	
Surgical	100	GENERAL SURGERY	Includes sub-categories not elsewhere listed eg endocrine surgery
Surgical	101	UROLOGY	Surgical treatment of disorders of the urinary system and male reproductive system
Surgical	102	TRANSPLANTATION SURGERY	Includes pre- and post-operative care for major organ transplants except heart and lung (see Cardiothoracic Transplantation). Excludes corneal grafts.
Surgical	103	BREAST SURGERY	Includes treatment for cancer, suspected neoplasms, cysts and post-cancer reconstructive surgery. Excludes cosmetic surgery.

Surgical	104	COLORECTAL SURGERY	Surgical treatment of disorders of the lower intestine (colon, anus and rectum)
Surgical	105	HEPATOBIILIARY & PANCREATIC SURGERY	Includes liver surgery, but liver transplantation should be recorded in 102 Transplantation Surgery
Surgical	106	UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL SURGERY	Surgical treatment of disorders of the upper part of the gastrointestinal tract
Surgical	107	VASCULAR SURGERY	Surgical treatment of diseases of the vascular system
Surgical	108**	SPINAL SURGERY SERVICE	Surgery concentrating on specialised and complex treatment of the back and spine. The SERVICE has a significantly different composition and profile from the SERVICE provided in TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE - 110 Trauma & Orthopaedics. Excludes Spinal Injuries - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 323
Surgical	110	TRAUMA & ORTHOPAEDICS	Surgery to treat injuries, congenital and acquired disorders the bones, joints, and their associated soft tissues, including ligaments, nerves and muscles. Excludes Specialist Spinal Surgery Service - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 108
Surgical	120	ENT	Ear, nose and throat
Surgical	130	OPHTHALMOLOGY	The surgical treatment of disorders and diseases of the eye. Excludes Medical Ophthalmology - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 460
Surgical	140	ORAL SURGERY	The diagnosis and surgical treatment of diseases, injuries and defects involving both the functional and aesthetic aspects of the hard and soft tissues of the head, mouth, teeth, gums, jaws and neck
Surgical	141	RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY	Endodontics, Periodontics and Prosthodontics are all part of Restorative Dentistry
Surgical	142	PAEDIATRIC DENTISTRY	Dentistry SERVICES dedicated to children with appropriate facilities and support staff
Surgical	143	ORTHODONTICS	The treatment of malocclusions (improper bites). Orthodontic treatment can focus on dental displacement only, or can deal with the control and modification of

			facial growth
Surgical	144	MAXILLO-FACIAL SURGERY	Mouth, jaw and face related surgery
Surgical	150	NEUROSURGERY	The prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of disorders which affect any portion of the nervous system including the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerves, and extracranial cerebrovascular system
Surgical	160	PLASTIC SURGERY	SERVICES to correct or restore form and function. In addition to cosmetic or aesthetic surgery, plastic surgery includes many types of reconstructive surgery, and the treatment of burns
Surgical	161	BURNS CARE	To be used by recognised specialist units and associated outreach services only
Surgical	170	CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY	Should only be used where there are no separate services for Cardiac Surgery and Thoracic Surgery
Surgical	171	PAEDIATRIC SURGERY	This is paediatric general surgery
Surgical	172	CARDIAC SURGERY	Surgical treatment of the heart or great vessels
Surgical	173	THORACIC SURGERY	Surgical treatment of diseases affecting organs inside the thorax (the chest). Generally treatment of conditions of the lungs, chest wall, and diaphragm
Surgical	174	CARDIOTHORACIC TRANSPLANTATION	To be used by recognised specialist units and associated outreach services only. Includes pre- and post-operative services.
Surgical	180	ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY	SERVICES to care for PATIENTS with urgent problems delivered as part of an Accident and Emergency Attendance or admission at an Accident and Emergency Department
Surgical	191	PAIN MANAGEMENT	Complex pain disorders requiring diagnosis and treatment by a specialist multi-professional team
Surgical	199	Non-UK provider; treatment function not known, treatment mainly surgical	
Other - Children's		Other Children's Specialties The Paediatric TREATMENT FUNCTION CODES represent CLINICS OR FACILITIES intended to provide dedicated SERVICES to children with appropriate facilities and support staff, i.e. they are designed for children only. If a CLINIC OR FACILITY provides this but also treats adult PATIENTS as part of the SERVICE then a Paediatric TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE may not be appropriate. The age of the PATIENT attending does not initiate a change to the TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE for the ACTIVITY.	

Other - Children's	211	PAEDIATRIC UROLOGY	Surgical treatment of disorders of the urinary system and male reproductive system
Other - Children's	212	PAEDIATRIC TRANSPLANTATION SURGERY	Includes pre- and post-operative care for major organ transplants except heart and lung (see Cardiothoracic Transplantation). Excludes corneal grafts
Other - Children's	213	PAEDIATRIC GASTROINTESTINAL SURGERY	Surgical treatment of disorders of the gastrointestinal tract
Other - Children's	214	PAEDIATRIC TRAUMA AND ORTHOPAEDICS	Surgery to treat injuries, congenital and acquired disorders of the bones, joints, and their associated soft tissues, including ligaments, nerves and muscles. Excludes Spinal Surgery Service - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 108
Other - Children's	215	PAEDIATRIC EAR NOSE AND THROAT	Ear, nose and throat
Other - Children's	216	PAEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY	The surgical treatment of disorders and diseases of the eye.
Other - Children's	217	PAEDIATRIC MAXILLO-FACIAL SURGERY	Mouth, jaw and face related surgery
Other - Children's	218	PAEDIATRIC NEUROSURGERY	The prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of disorders which affect any portion of the nervous system including the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerves, and extracranial cerebrovascular system
Other - Children's	219	PAEDIATRIC PLASTIC SURGERY	SERVICES to correct or restore form and function. In addition to cosmetic or aesthetic surgery, plastic surgery includes many types of reconstructive surgery, and the treatment of burns
Other - Children's	220	PAEDIATRIC BURNS CARE	To be used by recognised specialist units and associated outreach SERVICES only
Other - Children's	221	PAEDIATRIC CARDIAC SURGERY	Surgical treatment of the heart or great vessels
Other - Children's	222	PAEDIATRIC THORACIC SURGERY	Surgical treatment of diseases affecting organs inside the thorax (the chest). Generally treatment of conditions of the lungs, chest wall, and diaphragm
Other - Children's	223**	PAEDIATRIC EPILEPSY	Designated clinic which provides SERVICES to children led by CONSULTANT paediatrician with expertise in epilepsy supported by specialist staff
Other - Children's	241	PAEDIATRIC PAIN MANAGEMENT	Complex pain disorders requiring diagnosis and treatment by a

			specialist multi-professional team
Other - Children's	242	PAEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE	Only to be used by designated Paediatric Intensive Care Units
Other - Children's	251	PAEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY	The treatment of disorders of the digestive system
Other - Children's	252	PAEDIATRIC ENDOCRINOLOGY	The treatment of disorders of the endocrine system
Other - Children's	253	PAEDIATRIC CLINICAL HAEMATOLOGY	Excludes Anticoagulant Service - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 324
Other - Children's	254	PAEDIATRIC AUDIOLOGICAL MEDICINE	The medical specialty concerned with the investigation, diagnosis and management of patients with disorders of balance, hearing, tinnitus and auditory communication. Excludes audiology and hearing tests
Other - Children's	255	PAEDIATRIC CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY AND ALLERGY	Clinical Immunology is the treatment of disorders of the immune system. Allergy Service is the diagnosis and management of allergic disease
Other - Children's	256	PAEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASES	SERVICES to diagnose and treat contagious or communicable diseases
Other - Children's	257	PAEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY	SERVICES for the treatment of diseases of the skin
Other - Children's	258	PAEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY MEDICINE	Also known as Thoracic Medicine
Other - Children's	259	PAEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY	SERVICES to treat kidney conditions and abnormalities
Other - Children's	260	PAEDIATRIC MEDICAL ONCOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment, typically with Chemotherapy
Other - Children's	261	PAEDIATRIC METABOLIC DISEASE	The diagnosis and management of inherited metabolic condition
Other - Children's	262	PAEDIATRIC RHEUMATOLOGY	SERVICES to treat of rheumatism, arthritis, and other disorders of the joints, muscles, and ligaments
Other - Children's	263	PAEDIATRIC DIABETIC MEDICINE	SERVICES to diagnose, treat and support PATIENTS with diabetes
Other - Children's	264	PAEDIATRIC CYSTIC FIBROSIS	Specialised, multidisciplinary SERVICE concerned with the diagnosis, assessment and management of PATIENTS with cystic fibrosis
Other - Children's	280	PAEDIATRIC INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY	Diagnosis and treatment of diseases utilising minimally-invasive image-guided procedures. Not to be used for Diagnostic Imaging - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 812;

Other - Children's	290	COMMUNITY PAEDIATRICS	Includes routine health surveillance, health promotion, behavioural paediatrics and Looked After Children. Excludes Paediatric Neuro-Disability
Other - Children's	291	PAEDIATRIC NEURO-DISABILITY	Dedicated SERVICES for children with Cerebral Palsy and nonprogressive handicapping neurological conditions, with or without Learning Disability
<b>Medical</b>		<b>Medical Specialties</b>	
Surgical	190	ANAESTHETICS	This can be used in out-patients only. Pain Management should be recorded in 191.
Surgical	192	CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE	Also known as Intensive Care Medicine
Medical	300	GENERAL MEDICINE	Includes sub-categories not elsewhere listed eg metabolic medicine
Medical	301	GASTROENTEROLOGY	The treatment of disorders of the digestive system
Medical	302	ENDOCRINOLOGY	The treatment of disorders of the endocrine system
Medical	303	CLINICAL HAEMATOLOGY	Excludes ANTICOAGULANT SERVICE see 324
Medical	304	CLINICAL PHYSIOLOGY	Physiological measurement including ECG (e.g. exercise testing, stress testing), gastrointestinal physiology, cardiac physiology, vascular technology, urodynamics, and ophthalmic and vision science. Does not include Clinical Neurophysiology, Audiology or
Medical	305	CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY	SERVICES providing drug information, medication safety and other aspects of the use of pharmacy practice
Medical	306	HEPATOLOGY	Also known as liver medicine
Medical	307	DIABETIC MEDICINE	SERVICES to diagnose, treat and support PATIENTS with diabetes
Medical	308	BLOOD AND MARROW TRANSPLANTATION	Previously coded within Clinical Haematology (TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 303). Includes haemopoietic stem cell transplantation
Medical	309	HAEMOPHILIA	Previously coded within Clinical Haematology (TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 303).

Medical	310	AUDIOLOGICAL MEDICINE	The medical specialty concerned with the investigation, diagnosis and management of patients with disorders of balance, hearing, tinnitus and auditory communication. Excludes audiology and hearing tests.
Medical	311	CLINICAL GENETICS	Diagnosis of disorders caused by genetic mechanisms and counselling SERVICE to PATIENTS and affected family members. To be used by recognised specialist units and associated outreach SERVICES only
Medical	313	CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY and ALLERGY	Should only be used where there are no separate services for Clinical Immunology and Allergy
Medical	314	REHABILITATION	SERVICES to enhance and restore functional ability and quality of life to those with physical impairments or disabilities. Excludes Mental Health Recovery and Rehabilitation Service - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 725
Medical	315	PALLIATIVE MEDICINE	The treatment for curable illnesses and those living with chronic diseases, as well as PATIENTS who are nearing the end of life
Medical	316	CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY	The treatment of disorders of the immune system
Medical	317	ALLERGY	The diagnosis and management of allergic disease (abnormal immune responses to external substances) and the exclusion of allergic causes in other conditions.
Medical	318	INTERMEDIATE CARE	Intermediate care encompasses a range of multi-disciplinary services designed to safeguard independence by maximising rehabilitation and recovery after illness or injury
Medical	319	RESPITE CARE	SERVICES providing temporary care of a dependant person, providing relief for their usual caregivers
Medical	320	CARDIOLOGY	SERVICES treating diseases and abnormalities of the heart
Medical	321	PAEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY	Dedicated SERVICES to children with diseases and abnormalities of the heart, with appropriate facilities and support staff
Medical	322	CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY	SERVICES to treat diseases caused by bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites

Medical	323	SPINAL INJURIES	To be used by recognised specialist units and associated outreach services only
Medical	324	ANTICOAGULANT SERVICE	The monitoring and control of anticoagulant therapy including the initiation and/or supervision of oral anticoagulant therapy and the determination of anticoagulant dosage. This can be used in out-patients only.
Medical	325	SPORT AND EXERCISE MEDICINE	Includes the diagnosis and management of medical problems caused by physical activity, the prevention of related injury and disease and the role of exercise in disease treatment.
Medical	327	CARDIAC REHABILITATION	Rehabilitation service for patients with or recovering from heart related conditions such as heart attacks or from procedures such as coronary artery bypass surgery to ensure that they achieve their full potential in terms of physical and psychological health.
	328	STROKE MEDICINE	For stroke services excluding Transient Ischaemic Attack - see TFC 329
Medical	329	TRANSIENT ISCHAEMIC ATTACK	A multidisciplinary service for rapid diagnosis and treatment of patients presenting with suspected TIA and mini-strokes to minimise the chance of a full stroke occurring and maximise the chances of independent living after a stroke.
Medical	330	DERMATOLOGY	SERVICES for the treatment of diseases of the skin
Medical	331**	CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE SERVICE	The management and treatment of congenital heart disease, includes the ongoing care of children into adulthood
Medical	340	RESPIRATORY MEDICINE	Also known as Thoracic Medicine
Medical	341	RESPIRATORY PHYSIOLOGY	Physiological measurement of the function of the respiratory system. Includes Sleep Studies (the diagnosis and treatment of sleep disordered breathing, including upper airway resistance syndrome and sleep apnoea).
Medical	342	PROGRAMMED PULMONARY REHABILITATION	A multidisciplinary programme of care for patients with chronic respiratory impairment that is individually tailored and designed to optimise the individual's physical and social

			performance and autonomy.
Medical	343	ADULT CYSTIC FIBROSIS	Specialised, multi disciplinary service concerned with the diagnosis, assessment and management of patients with cystic fibrosis. This Treatment Function Code should be used by recognised specialist centres only.
Medical	344**	COMPLEX SPECIALISED REHABILITATION SERVICE	Complex specialised rehabilitation SERVICE which meet the NHS Specialised Services Rehabilitation Services' criteria and is registered as a Level 1 service. For further information see the NHS Specialised Services website
Medical	345**	SPECIALIST REHABILITATION SERVICE	Specialist rehabilitation SERVICE which meet the NHS Specialised Services Rehabilitation Services' criteria and is registered as a Level 2a service. For further information see the NHS Specialised Services website
Medical	346**	LOCAL SPECIALIST REHABILITATION SERVICE	Local specialist rehabilitation SERVICE which meet the NHS Specialised Services Rehabilitation Services' criteria and is registered as a Level 2b service. For further information see the NHS Specialised Services website
Medical	350	INFECTIOUS DISEASES	SERVICES to diagnose and treat contagious or communicable diseases
Medical	352	TROPICAL MEDICINE	SERVICES to diagnose and treat diseases that are found most often in tropical or sub-tropical regions
Medical	360	GENITOURINARY MEDICINE	Primarily related to medicine dealing with sexually transmitted diseases
Medical	361	NEPHROLOGY	SERVICES to treat kidney conditions and abnormalities
Medical	370	MEDICAL ONCOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment, typically with chemotherapy, of patients with cancer.
Medical	371	NUCLEAR MEDICINE	The treatment of PATIENTS through the use of radioactive substances
Medical	400	NEUROLOGY	SERVICES to diagnose and treat conditions and diseases of the central nervous system
Medical	401	CLINICAL NEUROPHYSIOLOGY	The study of the central and peripheral nervous systems through the recording of bioelectrical activity. Includes EEG.

Medical	410	RHEUMATOLOGY	Services to treat rheumatism, arthritis, and the other disorders of the joints, muscles, and ligaments
Medical	420	PAEDIATRICS	Diagnosis and treatment of conditions affecting infants, children and adolescents
Medical	421	PAEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY	Dedicated services to children to diagnose and treat conditions and diseases of the central nervous system, with appropriate facilities and support staff
Medical	422	NEONATOLOGY	Special Care, High Dependency and Intensive Care
Medical	424	WELL BABIES	Care given by the mother/substitute with medical and neonatal nursing advice if needed. See Well Baby
Medical	430	GERIATRIC MEDICINE	SERVICES to treat disease and disabilities in older adults. There is no set age at which PATIENTS may be under the care of Geriatric Medicine, this decision should be determined by the individual PATIENT's need
Medical	450	DENTAL MEDICINE SPECIALTIES	Includes oral medicine
Medical	460	MEDICAL OPHTHALMOLOGY	SERVICES to diagnose and treat medical conditions affecting the eye, orbits, and visual pathways
Medical	499	Non-UK provider; treatment function not known, treatment mainly medical	
Medical	501	OBSTETRICS	The management of pregnancy and childbirth including miscarriages and still births but excluding planned terminations. Excludes Midwifery Service see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 560
Medical	502	GYNAECOLOGY	Disorders of the female reproductive system. Includes planned terminations.
Medical	503	GYNAECOLOGICAL ONCOLOGY	SERVICES to treat cancers of the female reproductive system
Medical	510	Retired	Record as Obstetrics, antenatal clinic can be used as a local sub-specialty if required
Medical	520	Retired	Record as Obstetrics, postnatal clinic can be used as a local sub-specialty if required
Medical	560	MIDWIFE EPISODE	SERVICES provided under the direct care of a MIDWIFE. Excludes Obstetrics see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 501

Medical	610	Retired	Record as Obstetrics
Medical	620	Retired	Use the appropriate function under which the patient is treated
<b>Therapies</b>		<b>Therapies</b>	
Therapies	650	PHYSIOTHERAPY	The treatment of human function and movement to help people to achieve their full physical potential. The use of physical approaches to promote, maintain and restore wellbeing.
Therapies	651	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	The use of specific activities to limit the effects of disability and promote independence in all aspects of daily life
Therapies	652	SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY	The assessment, treatment and help to prevent speech, language and swallowing difficulties.
Therapies	653	PODIATRY	Also known as Chiropody. The diagnosis and treatment of disorders, diseases and deformities of the feet. Excludes Podiatric Surgery see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 663
Therapies	654	DIETETICS	The application of the science of nutrition to devise eating plans for patients to treat medical conditions. The promotion of good health by helping to facilitate a positive change in food choices amongst individuals, groups and communities.
Therapies	655	ORTHOPTICS	The diagnosis and treatment of visual problems involving eye movement and alignment
Therapies	656	CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY	The diagnosis and treatment of emotional and behavioural disorders
Therapies	657	PROSTHETICS	The supply of prosthetics for PATIENTS
Therapies	658	ORTHOTICS	The supply of orthoses for PATIENTS
Therapies	659	DRAMATHERAPY	The use of drama and theatre techniques including role play, voice work and storytelling for therapeutic purposes.
Therapies	660	ART THERAPY	The use of art techniques including clay, paint and paper for therapeutic purposes and as a means of communication.
Therapies	661	MUSIC THERAPY	The use of music and all of its facets to help clients to improve or maintain their health
Therapies	662	OPTOMETRY	The diagnosis and non-surgical treatment of disorders of the eye and

			vision care.
Therapies	663**	PODIATRIC SURGERY	The treatment of foot problems, including soft tissue, bone and joint surgery of the foot, ankle and associated structures. Excludes Podiatry - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 653
Psychiatry		Psychiatry	
Psychiatry	700	LEARNING DISABILITY	SERVICES provided to PATIENTS with a Learning Disability
Psychiatry	710	ADULT MENTAL ILLNESS	SERVICES provided to PATIENTS for the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of mental illness
Psychiatry	711	CHILD and ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY	SERVICES providing diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of psychopathological disorders in children and adolescents
Psychiatry	712	FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY	SERVICES to assess PATIENTS who have committed an offence and are receiving care in high, medium and low secure units or prisons
Psychiatry	713	PSYCHOTHERAPY	SERVICES providing therapy used to treat emotional problems and mental health conditions
Psychiatry	715	OLD AGE PSYCHIATRY	SERVICES providing diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of mental and emotional disorders in older adult PATIENTS
Psychiatry	720	EATING DISORDERS	A specialist SERVICE for the diagnosis and treatment of eating disorders including anorexia, bulimia and compulsive overeating
Psychiatry	721	ADDICTION SERVICES	The prevention and treatment of substance misuse including drugs and alcohol. If PATIENTS have both severe mental illness and problematic substance misuse, see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 726 Dual Diagnosis Service
Psychiatry	722	LIAISON PSYCHIATRY	The provision of psychiatric treatment to patients attending general hospitals including out-patient clinics, accident and emergency departments and admission to wards. Deals with the interface between physical and psychological health.
Psychiatry	723	PSYCHIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE	The provision of psychiatric services to vulnerable individuals who are admitted to Psychiatric Intensive Care Units from open acute wards and forensic settings

Psychiatry	724	PERINATAL PSYCHIATRY	A specialist psychiatric service for the diagnosis and treatment of post-natal psychiatric problems
Psychiatry	725**	MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION SERVICE	SERVICES provided to support recovery from mental illness that maximises the PATIENT's quality of life and social inclusion by encouraging their skills, promoting independence and autonomy
Psychiatry	726**	MENTAL HEALTH DUAL DIAGNOSIS SERVICE	SERVICES to provide support to PATIENTS with both severe mental illness and substance misuse problems. Personality disorder may coexist with psychiatric illness and/or substance misuse
Psychiatry	727**	DEMENTIA ASSESSMENT SERVICE	SERVICES for the assessment of PATIENTS with dementia, which may complicate care giving and can occur at any stage of the illness. In addition to memory impairment, dementia may include behavioural and psychological symptoms
<b>Radiology</b>		<b>Radiology</b>	
Radiology	800	CLINICAL ONCOLOGY (previously RADIOTHERAPY)	The diagnosis and treatment, typically with radiotherapy, of patients with cancer.
Radiology	811	INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY	Diagnosis and treatment of diseases utilising minimally-invasive image-guided procedures. Not to be used for Diagnostic Imaging - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 812
Radiology	812	DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING	The production and interpretation of high quality images of the body to diagnose injuries and disease, e.g. x-rays, ultrasound, MRI, PET or CT scans.
<b>Pathology</b>		<b>Pathology</b>	
Pathology	822	CHEMICAL PATHOLOGY	To be used for clinical management only
Pathology	832	Retired	
Pathology	834	MEDICAL VIROLOGY	The diagnosis and management and prevention of virus and related infections, in hospital and in the community including HIV/AIDS, other blood-borne infections like hepatitis B and C and newly emerging viruses such as SARS and avian flu.
Pathology	840	AUDIOLOGY	Physiological measurement and diagnosis of hearing disorders, and the rehabilitation of patients with hearing loss.

Other		Other	
Other	920**	DIABETIC EDUCATION SERVICE	SERVICES providing dedicated small group education courses regarding self management for diabetic PATIENTS
Other	990	Retired	

#### Notes

Treatment Function Codes should be used for all aggregate central returns unless otherwise stated eg Workforce returns use Main Specialty Codes

\*\* The functionality to report these TREATMENT FUNCTION CODES is available in version 6-2 of the Commissioning Data Sets and the associated CDS-XML Schema Release (6-2). However note that they will not be processed by the Secondary Uses Service's Payment Grouper until SUS Release 12 (April 2013). These TREATMENT FUNCTION CODES cannot be transmitted in XML Schemas for the previous version of the Commissioning Data Sets (6-1-1)

#### Main Specialty Codes without an associated Treatment Function Code

Please note that the following Codes relate to an existing Main Specialty but are NOT Treatment Functions.

Specialty Category	Code	Treatment Function Title	Definition
<b>Medical</b>		<b>Medical Specialties</b>	
Medical	312	not a Treatment Function	
Medical	500	not a Treatment Function	
Medical	600	not a Treatment Function	
<b>Radiology</b>		<b>Radiology</b>	
Radiology	810	not a Treatment Function	
<b>Pathology</b>		<b>Pathology</b>	
Pathology	820	not a Treatment Function	
Pathology	821	not a Treatment Function	
Pathology	823	not a Treatment Function	See Clinical Haematology
Pathology	824	not a Treatment Function	
Pathology	830	not a Treatment Function	see Clinical Immunology
Pathology	831	not a Treatment Function	See Clinical Microbiology
<b>Other</b>		<b>Other</b>	
Other	900	not a Treatment Function	
Other	901	not a Treatment Function	
Other	950	not a Treatment Function	Use the appropriate function under which the patient is treated
Other	960	not a Treatment Function	Use the appropriate function under which the patient is treated

#### Notes

Retired: Code is no longer required for national reporting and therefore no longer valid.

Not a Treatment Function: Codes marked 'not a Treatment Function' were previously reported as Specialty Function Codes, however Specialty Function Code was split into Main Specialty and Treatment Function Codes and at that time it may have been decided that it would be inappropriate to list these as Treatment Function Codes.

## 2.3 Requests for New Codes

Ongoing maintenance of the National Specialty List Standard is undertaken by the SUS/HES Data Quality and Support Services team for the Health and Social Care Information Centre.

In order to ensure that the dataset items remain aligned to any changes in clinical practice and national policy, maintenance of the standard includes the mechanism for sponsors/stakeholders/users to submit Dataset Change Requests to the maintenance service for consideration. Please see webpage

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/services/datasets/dataset-list/national-specialty-list-treatment-function-codes> for the Dataset Change Request template and guidance.

Key experts, including stakeholders and users, will be consulted on each change request proposal prior to making a recommendation to the Treatment Function Maintenance Group ([TFMG ToR v1.5](#) and [TFMG Criteria v.1.3](#))

The Treatment Function Maintenance Group provide an independent review of candidate Treatment Functions to assess their suitability for inclusion on the list of Treatment Functions based on pre-existing acceptance criteria, on an annual basis, to align with the SUS release cycle. Full details of this process can be found in [MS-TFC DatasetMaintenancePlan v0.4](#).

### 3 Health and Care Organisations

Informatics /IT Staff will be responsible for the configuration of systems including the setting up of consultants or healthcare professional's details with their recognised and contracted Specialty or Treatment Function.

#### 3.1 Requirements

#	Requirement
1	Trusts SHOULD adhere to The National Specialty list standard with immediate effect.
2	Trusts SHOULD adhere to the latest proposed changes with immediate effect and MUST comply from 01 April 2013.

The key words MUST, SHOULD and MAY are defined in the [information standards development methodology](#). They follow [RFC-2119](#).

#### 3.2 Conformance Criteria

This section describes the tests that can be measured to indicate that the information standard is being used correctly by an organisation (conformance criteria). These may be different depending upon the type of organisation, e.g. supplier, Trust, GP practice. The tests should use the key words given at the start of this document:

#	Conformance Criteria
1	Conformance will be achieved through the operationalisation of the National Specialty codes in operational datasets such as Commissioning Data Sets (CDS) that use the Main Specialty/Treatment Function data item.
2	The number of records conforming to the standard in terms of valid Main Specialty/Treatment Functions Codes for reporting activity (greater than 100 records).

## 4 IT System Suppliers

Suppliers of PAS, clinical systems and all other relevant systems will be responsible for changing systems to include the new codes on existing value lists or, where local codes are already available, migrating or mapping to the new codes for national reporting purposes.

### 4.1 Requirements

#	Requirement
1	Systems suppliers MUST implement The National Specialty list standard with immediate effect.
2	Systems suppliers MUST implement the latest proposed changes from 01 April 2013.

The key words MUST, SHOULD and MAY are defined in the [information standards development methodology](#). They follow [RFC-2119](#).

### 4.2 Conformance criteria

This section describes the tests that can be measured to indicate that the information standard is being used correctly by an organisation (conformance criteria). These may be different depending upon the type of organisation, e.g. supplier, Trust, GP practice. The tests should use the key words given at the start of this document:

#	Conformance Criteria
1	Conformance will be achieved through the operationalisation of the National Specialty codes in trust patient administration systems.
2	Conformance will be achieved through CDS XML Schema validation and SUS Data Quality Reports (DQR).

## 5 Performance Characteristics

One performance characteristic is that any codes assigned to the new treatment function codes must be unused and align to the existing format.

There is a risk of miscoding new treatment function codes; this is mitigated by the [Human Behavioural guidance](#).