

Information Standards Notice – New Standard

The ISB has approved a new information standard. You should comply with it by the implementation date specified below. Further information is available on www.isb.nhs.uk or by emailing isb@nhs.net.

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| Standard Number | ISB 0108 |
| Title | AIDC: Automatic Identification and Data Capture |
| Description | <p>This standard provides the specification and implementation guidance for achieving accurate Automatic Identification and Data Capture (AIDC) using GS1 international code numbering standards. This standard is aimed at individual NHS organisations in England and is a technology <i>enabling</i> standard. It should be used as a reference tool by the NHS when procuring, implementing and using AIDC technologies, e.g. bar code scanners, printers and assets / document tracking systems.</p> <p>It includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to register an NHS organisation to obtain the GS1 unique organisation prefix. • Code numbering rules (GS1 Keys). • Data carriers. • Producing and verifying bar codes. • Printing bar codes. <p>It is the primary standard in a series of AIDC standards for the NHS in England. As AIDC standards are approved, they will be published here: www.isb.nhs.uk/use/baselines/aidc</p> <p>Out of scope for this Fundamental standard are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIDC Operational standards, eg. AIDC for Patient Identification. • Radio Frequency Identification (pending an approved clinical safety case). • Bar coding of blood and blood products tracking. • Scanning of bar codes and system design. • Assets / document tracking across the entire NHS. |
| Applies to | <p>This standard applies to any NHS setting in England where automatic identification and data capture (AIDC) technologies are used.</p> <p>The users of the standard will be those involved in the procurement, deployment and use of AIDC systems using GS1 standards in the NHS in England, as well as those who are associated with the provision of care to the patient, i.e. healthcare professionals. These may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT and informatics personnel. • Finance and procurement. • Departmental directors and managers. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project managers. • Healthcare professionals. • Administration staff. • Estates. |
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