

Information Standards Notice – Assessed Collections

Details are given below of a new data collection accepted by the Standardisation Committee for Care Information (SCCI) which has the remit for the national governance of information standards and collections (including extractions).

This Notice announces an update to the list of assessed mandated collections (as referenced in the NHS Standard Contract). It is not a publication under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

Enquiries about this collection should be directed to the contacts specified below.

More information about SCCI can be found on the HSCIC SCCI web pages - <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/isce>

Collection	
Title	Genetic Testing Rates
Description	<p>This collection is to obtain information on the access to and provision of genetic testing for NHS patients, provided by UK Genetic Testing Network (UKGTN) member laboratories.</p> <p>By calculating genetic testing rates for different healthcare populations in England (e.g. Clinical Commissioning Groups and Regions), the outputs from the data analysis aim to support commissioners in reviewing variation and taking action to improve access where required.</p> <p>The collection was previously hosted on behalf of the UKGTN by NHS London. The collection is now being managed by the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC).</p>
Authority	<p>Submission of the data is part of the membership requirements of the UKGTN.</p> <p>The UK Strategy for Rare Diseases published by the Department of Health in November 2013 includes within Commitment 12: <i>... to embed appropriate information in national data systems including measuring of equity of access to molecular tests to maintain UKGTN diagnostic studies ...</i></p> <p>The collection is the subject of Directions from NHS England to the HSCIC.</p>
Applies to	NHS Services: Acute Trusts (Foundation and non-Foundation): UKGTN member laboratories.
Collection start date	Collection of historic data, covering 2012 through to 2014, will take place as a one-off submission alongside submission of 2014-15 data. This is due to take place during September and

	October 2015 (laboratories will be notified of specific submission deadlines).
Collection end date	31 May 2020
Link to Documentation	<p>A Technical Specification and the collection templates are available on the HSCIC SCCI publication pages: www.hscic.gov.uk/isce/publication/scci2035</p> <p>Data will be published on the HSCIC website. Data has previously been incorporated into the NHS Atlas of Variation in diagnostic services; this is likely to be resumed.</p> <p>Once the data is available, requests for access to the data can be made via the HSCIC Data Access Requests Service with the relevant application form being submitted and approval granted by the Data Access Advisory Group (DAAG).</p>
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