

Information Standards Notice – Change

Acting under delegated authority from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, the Data Alliance Partnership Board (DAPB) 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	
DAPB unique identifier	DAPB0092-2062 Amd 17/2022
Name	Emergency Care Data Set v4.0
Approval date	22 December 2022
Publication date	10 January 2023
Standard definition	
Description	<p>The Commissioning Data Sets (CDS) are the primary mechanism for the national reporting of secondary care activity which is either NHS funded and/or provided by NHS organisations. They comprise a series of patient level data sets (Types) intended to deliver robust, comprehensive, nationally consistent and comparable person-based information.</p> <p>Type 011: Emergency Care Data Set (ECDS) is the CDS Type for emergency care services, and allows for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the capture of information about <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the complexity and acuity of attending patients ○ the causes of rising demand ○ the value added by emergency departments • the capture of diagnostic data to ensure an enhanced • understanding of need, activity and outcomes • consistent monitoring of data across local and national initiatives • support for injury surveillance, such that it will be possible to identify patterns that may be amenable to targeted interventions and improved public health. <p>Data for all CDS Types are submitted to NHS Digital’s Secondary Uses Service (SUS+) and form the basis of the Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) data set.</p>
About this change	<p>The key changes made in ECDS version 4.0 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recording of Virtual Care (including virtual consultations) • Recording Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC) activity • Recording of Hot Clinics • Deprecation of EC Service Type 04 – ‘NHS walk in centres’ • Recording activity relating to prevention of violence and injury / Injury Sharing to Tackle Violence (ISTV) • Introduction of new Assessment Scales • Expansion of clinical data terms (ECDS Max)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other minor changes (see TOS Change Control for more details)
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services
Applies to	All providers of Type 01, 02, 03, 05 and 06 Urgent and Emergency Care Activity Types
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	<p>This information standard is published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.</p> <p>The data collection is the subject of a direction under section 254 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, from NHS England to NHS Digital. This direction is published on the NHS Digital website: https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/nhs-england-directions</p> <p>The data collection is the subject of a section 259 notification, under the Act, to notify providers of the requirement to supply data. This will be published on the NHS Digital website: https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/data-provision-notice-dpns</p>
Link to further documentation	<p>The Change Specification, Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS Digital website: https://digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dapb0092-2062</p> <p>Further guidance is published by NHS Digital: https://digital.nhs.uk/ecds</p>
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Dates	
Implementation date	1 July 2023
Full conformance date	1 July 2025
Post Implementation Review date	30 June 2026

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