

## 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	DAPB0107 Amd 43/2023
Name	National Drug and Alcohol Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS), Core dataset R
Approval date	19 December 2023
Publication date	11 January 2024
Standard definition	
Description	<p>The NDTMS dataset collates information on drug and alcohol treatment in England.</p> <p>NDTMS data helps drug and alcohol treatment providers and commissioners demonstrate the outcomes treatment achieves and in doing so aids accountability for the money invested in it. NDTMS is a national standard and is applicable to young people and adults within community and secure setting based treatment providers.</p> <p>NDTMS data are used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide measurements that support the outcome and recovery focus of the government’s drug strategy</li> <li>• Provide information which can be used to monitor how effective drug and alcohol treatment services are and help to plan and develop services that better meet local needs</li> <li>• Produce statistics and support research about drug and alcohol use and treatment</li> <li>• Provide measures to support the <a href="#">Public Health Outcomes Framework</a></li> </ul> <p>Substance misuse treatment providers have been reporting drug and alcohol treatment data to Regional Drug Misuse Databases (RDMDs) since the late 1980s. The National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) was established in 2004 as a central repository for this data collection. NDTMS moved into Public Health England (PHE) in 2013. In October 2021, NDTMS moved into the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) within the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).</p> <p>The dataset is termed Core Dataset R (CDS-R) and will be implemented in April 2024.</p>

	Data are submitted to NDTMS by providers using the NDTMS V2 web portal.
About this change	<p>In order to align current business needs and clinical practice and to support data quality, various changes have been made to the dataset as follows:</p> <p>45 new data items have been added.          111 data items have been removed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Drug community dataset (AD) – 20 new, 16 removed</li> <li>• Young People community dataset (YP) – 16 new, 17 removed</li> <li>• Secure estate adult dataset (SA) – 7 new, 24 removed</li> <li>• Secure estate young people dataset – 2 new, 54 removed</li> </ul>
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	Health Services, NHS Services, Adult Social Care
Applies to	<p>All drug and alcohol treatment providers who are delivering structured treatment, including adult and young people's services as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• community services including NHS, third sector and private providers</li> <li>• residential rehabs and detox centres</li> <li>• primary care</li> <li>• inpatient units</li> <li>• secure setting services including prisons, Young Offender Institutions (YOIs), Secure Training Centres (STCs), Immigration Removal Centres (IRCs), secure children's homes and welfare only homes</li> </ul> <p>The data outputs will be used by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• treatment providers including third sector, NHS and private providers</li> <li>• treatment commissioners including local authority commissioners and NHS England commissioners</li> <li>• Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC)</li> </ul>
Impacts upon	Implementation of this information standard impacts all health and social care 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 Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) has a legal basis to collect the data through the NDTMS under General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) Article 6(1)(e), Article 9(2)(i) and Article 9(2)(j).</p>

	Service users can consent or withdraw their consent to contribute some of their treatment information to NDTMS as per requirements of the common-law duty of confidentiality and Article 8(1) of the Human Rights Act 1998
Link to further documentation	The Change Specification, Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS England website: <a href="http://www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dapb0107">www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dapb0107</a>  Further guidance is published by the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities: <a href="https://www.ndtms.net/Events">https://www.ndtms.net/Events</a>
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<b>Dates</b>	
Implementation date	From 11 January 2024
Data Collection Start Date	1 April 2024
Full conformance date	30 June 2024
Post Implementation Review date	30 June 2025

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