

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 50/2021
Name	National Drug and Alcohol Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS), Core dataset Q
Approval date	8 September 2021
Publication date	30 September 2021
Standard definition	
Description	<p>The National Drug and Alcohol Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS), which has been in operation since 2001, collects person-level information about clients in contact with structured treatment services for drug and/or alcohol use.</p> <p>NDTMS comprises the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community adult drug and alcohol misuse treatment providers dataset (AD) • Community young people’s drug and alcohol misuse treatment providers dataset (YP) • Secure settings adult and young people’s drug and alcohol datasets (SA and SY). <p>Data is submitted monthly by providers of these services to Public Health England (PHE) using the NDTMS V2 portal for the purpose of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monitoring the effectiveness of drug and alcohol treatment services • supporting the improvement of outcomes for service users • planning and developing services that best meet local needs.
About this change	<p>Changes in this release have been made to align current business needs and clinical practice, and to support data quality.</p> <p>Specific changes are being introduced to support reporting against duties set out in the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and the forthcoming Serious Violence Duty, as well as to enhance the reporting of vulnerable groups. This includes new data items relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • current housing situation and threat of homelessness

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sex workers • ethnicity • young people's disability • Individual Placement and Support (IPS), a specialist form of employment support. IPS data items are applicable only to adult community and young people community providers of IPS.
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	Health Services, NHS Services
Applies to	All drug and alcohol treatment providers delivering structured treatment to adults and young people in both community and secure settings.
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>Public Health England has a legal basis to collect the data through the NDTMS under General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) Article 6(1)(e) and Article 9(2)(i).</p> <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.</p>
Link to further documentation	<p>The Change Specification, Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS Digital website: www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dapb0107</p> <p>Further guidance is published by Public Health England: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/alcohol-and-drug-misuse-treatment-core-dataset-collection-guidance</p>
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Dates	
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