

Information Standards Notice – New

Acting under delegated authority from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, the Data Alliance Partnership Board (DAPB) has approved a new information standard for publication under section 250 of the Health and Social Act 2012.

You must comply with this new standard by the full conformance date specified below.

Standard details	
DAPB unique identifier	DAPB3107 Amd 63/2021
Name	Ambulance Data Set
Approval date	19 December 2023
Publication date	9 February 2024
Standard definition	
Description	<p>The Ambulance Data Set (ADS) is a patient-level data set whose purpose is to process robust, comprehensive, nationally consistent, and comparable person-based data on urgent and emergency care activity.</p> <p>Information about how patients access ambulance services, and the care and treatment that they receive, has historically been collected by all ambulance services as individual standalone data sets. The way this information was collected, reported, and analysed varied, making it time consuming and difficult to look at specific aspects of the patient journey. The ADS will, for the first time, bring together data from all ambulance services nationally to follow and understand patient journeys from the ambulance service into other urgent and emergency healthcare settings.</p> <p>The ADS will combine data from Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Electronic Patient Record (EPR) systems to achieve the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create an accessible data warehouse to inform national clinical and operational policy • Provide a single consistent and comparable data set for benchmarking • Reduce the informatic burden on ambulance services by replacing the multiple requests that ambulance services currently receive • Provide services with linked data from other

	supporting data sets starting with Emergency Care Data Set (ECDS) to provide better information about the patient journey and benefit paramedics by providing learning about clinical outcomes.
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services
Applies to	All 11 Ambulance Services in England are in scope to supply data in support of secondary uses (not for the direct care of the patient).
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>This information standard is the subject of Directions under sections 254, 260, 261 and 304 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to NHS England, published on the NHS England website: https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/nhs-england-directions/ambulance-data-set-directions-2022.</p> <p>NHS England will issue a section 259 notification, under the Act, to notify providers of the requirement to supply data. This will be published on the NHS England 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 Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS England website: www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dapb3017</p> <p>Further guidance is published on NHS Futures: https://future.nhs.uk/connect.ti/ADSProject1/grouphome</p>
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Dates	
Implementation date	9 February 2024
Data collection start date	1 February 2024
Full conformance date	Ambulance Services MUST implement the ADS by 1 July 2024.
Post Implementation Review date	31 May 2025

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