

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	DAPB4005 Amd 14/2021
Name	Secondary Care Electronic Prescribing and Medicines Administration (ePMA) Data Collection, Version 1.0
Approval date	30 June 2022
Publication date	22 May 2024
Standard definition	
Description	<p>This is a new information standard commissioned by NHS England to enable the capture of patient level, nationally consistent data from electronic Prescribing and Medicines Administration (ePMA) systems for medicines prescribed and administered to patients in NHS secondary care settings.</p> <p>The data set will provide comprehensive and comparable data about medicines use across NHS trusts, supporting an element of the NHS Long Term Plan (2019) which calls for increased usage of ePMA systems.</p> <p>Providers will submit ePMA data to NHS England’s Data Processing Service platform (DPS) via weekly extracts and should also submit historic data (back to 1 April 2015, where the data is already held).</p>
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services
Applies to	<p>Secondary care providers in England (providing acute, mental health, specialist, and community care services) recording medicine prescribing and administration information electronically on ePMA systems.</p> <p>Secondary care providers may have more than one ePMA system in use, for example a ‘main’ system for most wards and specialties and different systems elsewhere. For the purposes of this initial standard, providers should identify their ‘main’ ePMA system to be used for data extraction.</p>
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	This information standard is published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

	<p>The data collection is the subject of Directions under section 254 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, from the Department of 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/secretary-of-state-directions/secondary-care-epma-directions</p> <p>NHS England will be issuing 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 is available on the NHS England website: www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dapb4005</p> <p>Further guidance is published by NHS England: https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-collections/electronic-prescribing-and-administration-epma-data-in-secondary-care</p>
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Dates	
Implementation date	22 May 2024
Full conformance date	13 January 2025
Start date of collection	13 January 2025
Start of data submission	to be confirmed with individual trusts
Post Implementation Review date	31 December 2025

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