

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	DAPB4060 Amd 99-2021
Name	Booking and Referral Standard
Approval date	23 March 2023
Publication date	13 April 2023
Standard definition	
Description	The creation of NHS Booking and Referral Standard (BaRS) delivers the strategic interoperability to facilitate a booking, and for any associated referral information to be shared between a sending organisation such as an NHS 111 Provider, and a receiving organisation such as an Emergency Department. BaRS is therefore an interoperability standard between patient record systems that enables booking and referral information to be sent between NHS healthcare system providers quickly, safely and in a format that is useful to clinicians.
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services
Applies to	<p>BaRS will first be implemented within two use cases: NHS 111/clinical assessment services (CAS) to emergency departments (or A&E) NHS 111/clinical assessment services (CAS) to Urgent Treatment Centres (UTC)</p> <p>Based on use cases and implementation of BaRS at different organisation types it is anticipated that there will be the need to amend the standard further down the line to include and support other new use cases.</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	<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(1), (3), (4), (5) and (6), (7) section 260(2)(d), section 261(2)(e) and section 304(9), (10) and (12) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, from NHS England to NHS Digital (now part of NHS England), published here:</p>

	https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/nhs-england-directions/booking-and-referral-standard-direction-2022
Link to further documentation	The Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS England website: www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dapb4060 Further guidance is published by NHS England: https://digital.nhs.uk/services/booking-and-referral-standard
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Dates	
Implementation date	15 April 2023
Full conformance date	Fixing a specific conformance date for the totality of BaRS is not feasible as the scope of the standard will expand over time as new use cases for its application are requested and subsequently created by the BaRS development team. Therefore, conformance will be monitored in line with the review dates and/or any formal change to the Information Standard.
Post Implementation Review date	31 March 2024 (initial review) 31 March 2025 (intermediate review)

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