

# NHS Data Model and Dictionary



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## Background:

The Acute Faster Data Flows collection was developed and implemented as a pilot across 2022/23.

The collection has since been reviewed and updates have been made in line with the requirements of an Information Standards Notice, and going forward the collection has now been renamed as Healthcare Operational Data Flows (Acute) Data Set.

The Faster Data Flows Programme provides more timely data to Health Care Providers, Integrated Care Boards and NHS England and further improves access to data and insights. Streamlining data collection methods to improve the flow and speed of data supports local, system and national decision making across the whole patient pathway.

The Faster Data Flows Programme has produced the Healthcare Operational Data Flows (Acute) Data Set to provide the definitions for an automated patient based daily data collection. The Healthcare Operational Data Flows (Acute) Data Set supports NHS delivery plans for the recovery of elective care and urgent and emergency care in relation to NHS waiting lists, care co-ordination, and the improvement of managing patient flows through the health and social care system.

This Change Request adds the Healthcare Operational Data Flows (Acute) Data Set and supporting definitions to the NHS Data Model and Dictionary to support the Information Standard.

A short demonstration is available which describes "How to Read an NHS Data Model and Dictionary Change Request", in an easy to understand screen capture including a voice over

and readable captions. This demonstration can be viewed at: [https://datadictionary.nhs.uk/elearning/change\\_request/index.html](https://datadictionary.nhs.uk/elearning/change_request/index.html).

Note: if the web page does not open, please copy the link and paste into the web browser. A guide to how to use the demonstration can be found at: [Demonstrations](#).

## Summary of changes:

### **Data Set**

<a href="#">HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS DATA SET: ACUTE - ADMISSION</a>	New Data Set
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### **Class Definitions**

<a href="#">ACTIVITY GROUP</a>	Changed Attributes
<a href="#">ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD EXTRACT</a>	Changed Attributes

### **Attribute Definitions**

<a href="#">CRITERIA TO RESIDE CODE FOR HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL</a>	New Attribute
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<a href="#"><u>DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY FOR HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL</u></a>	New Attribute
<a href="#"><u>HODF UPDATE TYPE</u></a>	New Attribute
<a href="#"><u>REASON FOR DISCHARGE DELAY</u></a>	New Attribute
<a href="#"><u>WITHHELD IDENTITY REASON</u></a>	Changed Description

**Data Elements**

<a href="#"><u>AGE AT ACTIVITY DATE (HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS)</u></a>	New Data Element
<a href="#"><u>APPOINTMENT BOOKED REASON</u></a>	Changed Description
<a href="#"><u>CDS UNIQUE IDENTIFIER</u></a>	Changed Description
<a href="#"><u>CLINIC CODE</u></a>	Changed Description
<a href="#"><u>CRITERIA TO RESIDE CODE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</u></a>	New Data Element
<a href="#"><u>DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</u></a>	New Data Element
<a href="#"><u>DISEASE OUTBREAK NOTIFICATION DESCRIPTION (HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS)</u></a>	New Data Element
<a href="#"><u>DISEASE OUTBREAK NOTIFICATION FOR HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS (SNOMED CT)</u></a>	New Data Element
<a href="#"><u>EPISODE NUMBER</u></a>	Changed Description
<a href="#"><u>HODF UPDATE TYPE</u></a>	New Data Element
<a href="#"><u>INTENDED PRIMARY PROCEDURE (OPCS)</u></a>	New Data Element
<a href="#"><u>PATIENT CLASSIFICATION CODE</u></a>	Changed Description
<a href="#"><u>PATIENT PATHWAY IDENTIFIER</u></a>	Changed Description
<a href="#"><u>PLANNED DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</u></a>	New Data Element
<a href="#"><u>PLANNED METHOD OF DISCHARGE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</u></a>	New Data Element
<a href="#"><u>PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS (ICD)</u></a>	Changed Description
<a href="#"><u>PRIMARY PROCEDURE (OPCS)</u></a>	Changed Description
<a href="#"><u>REASON FOR DISCHARGE DELAY (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</u></a>	New Data Element
<a href="#"><u>SECONDARY DIAGNOSIS (ICD)</u></a>	Changed Description
<a href="#"><u>UNIQUE BOOKING REFERENCE NUMBER (CONVERTED)</u></a>	Changed Description
<a href="#"><u>WARD CODE</u></a>	Changed Description
<a href="#"><u>WITHHELD IDENTITY REASON</u></a>	Changed Description

**Date:** 8 April 2024

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**Note:** New text is shown with a blue background. Deleted text is crossed out. Retired text is shown in grey. Within the Diagrams deleted classes and relationships are red, changed items are blue and new items are green.

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**HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS DATA SET: ACUTE - ADMISSION**

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Change to Data Set: New Data Set

**HEADER**

To carry header details.  
One occurrence of this group is required.

M/R/O	Data Set Data Elements
M	HODF UPDATE TYPE
M	CDS UNIQUE IDENTIFIER
M	ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER (CODE OF PROVIDER)
M	ORGANISATION SITE IDENTIFIER (OF TREATMENT)
M	REPORTING PERIOD START DATE
M	REPORTING PERIOD END DATE
M	DATE AND TIME DATA SET CREATED

**PATIENT DEMOGRAPHICS**

To carry demographic details of the patient.  
One occurrence of this group is required.

M/R/O	Data Set Data Elements
R	LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER (EXTENDED)
R	ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER (LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER)
R	WITHHELD IDENTITY REASON
R	NHS NUMBER
M	NHS NUMBER STATUS INDICATOR CODE
R	POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS
R	ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER (RESIDENCE RESPONSIBILITY)
R	PERSON BIRTH DATE

**HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL - ADMISSION CHARACTERISTICS**

**To carry admission details of the patient.  
One occurrence of this group is required.**

<b>M/R/O</b>	<b>Data Set Data Elements</b>
M	<u>HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL IDENTIFIER</u>
R	<u>UNIQUE BOOKING REFERENCE NUMBER (CONVERTED)</u>
R	<u>PATIENT PATHWAY IDENTIFIER</u>
R	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE CATEGORY CODE (ON ADMISSION)</u>
R	<u>METHOD OF ADMISSION (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</u>
R	<u>ADMISSION SOURCE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</u>
M	<u>START DATE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</u>
R	<u>START TIME (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</u>
R	<u>AGE AT ACTIVITY DATE (HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS)</u>
R	<u>DURATION OF ELECTIVE WAIT</u>
R	<u>INTENDED MANAGEMENT CODE</u>
O	<u>WARD CODE</u>
O	<u>WARD INTENDED CLINICAL CARE INTENSITY</u>
R	<u>ACTIVITY TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE</u>
O	<u>INTENDED PRIMARY PROCEDURE (OPCS)</u>
O	<u>DISEASE OUTBREAK NOTIFICATION DESCRIPTION (HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS)</u>
O	<u>DISEASE OUTBREAK NOTIFICATION FOR HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS (SNOMED CT)</u>

**HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS DATA SET: ACUTE - CURRENT**

Change to Data Set: New Data Set

**HEADER**

**To carry header details.  
One occurrence of this group is required.**

<b>M/R/O</b>	<b>Data Set Data Elements</b>
M	<u>HODF UPDATE TYPE</u>
M	<u>CDS UNIQUE IDENTIFIER</u>

M	<u>ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER (CODE OF PROVIDER)</u>
M	<u>ORGANISATION SITE IDENTIFIER (OF TREATMENT)</u>
M	<u>REPORTING PERIOD START DATE</u>
M	<u>REPORTING PERIOD END DATE</u>
M	<u>DATE AND TIME DATA SET CREATED</u>

<b>PATIENT DEMOGRAPHICS</b>
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<b>To carry demographic details of the patient. One occurrence of this group is required.</b>	
<b>M/R/O</b>	<b>Data Set Data Elements</b>
R	<u>LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER (EXTENDED)</u>
R	<u>ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER (LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER)</u>
R	<u>WITHHELD IDENTITY REASON</u>
R	<u>NHS NUMBER</u>
M	<u>NHS NUMBER STATUS INDICATOR CODE</u>
R	<u>POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS</u>
R	<u>ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER (RESIDENCE RESPONSIBILITY)</u>
R	<u>PERSON BIRTH DATE</u>

<b>HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL - CURRENT CHARACTERISTICS</b>
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<b>To carry current details of the patient. One occurrence of this group is required.</b>	
<b>M/R/O</b>	<b>Data Set Data Elements</b>
M	<u>HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL IDENTIFIER</u>
R	<u>UNIQUE BOOKING REFERENCE NUMBER (CONVERTED)</u>
R	<u>PATIENT PATHWAY IDENTIFIER</u>
R	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE CATEGORY CODE (ON ADMISSION)</u>
R	<u>PATIENT CLASSIFICATION CODE</u>
M	<u>EPISODE NUMBER</u>
M	<u>START DATE (EPISODE)</u>
R	<u>START TIME (EPISODE)</u>
R	<u>AGE AT ACTIVITY DATE (HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS)</u>
O	<u>WARD CODE</u>
O	<u>WARD INTENDED CLINICAL CARE INTENSITY</u>
R	<u>ACTIVITY TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE</u>

O	PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS (ICD)
O	SECONDARY DIAGNOSIS (ICD)
O	PRIMARY PROCEDURE (OPCS)
R	PLANNED DESTINATION OF DISCHARGE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)
R	PLANNED METHOD OF DISCHARGE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)
R	DISCHARGE READY DATE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)
R	CRITERIA TO RESIDE CODE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)
R	PLANNED DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)
O	REASON FOR DISCHARGE DELAY (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)
O	DISEASE OUTBREAK NOTIFICATION DESCRIPTION (HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS)
O	DISEASE OUTBREAK NOTIFICATION FOR HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS (SNOMED CT)

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**HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS DATA SET: ACUTE - DISCHARGE**

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Change to Data Set: New Data Set

**HEADER**

<b>To carry header details. One occurrence of this group is required.</b>	
M/R/O	Data Set Data Elements
M	HODF UPDATE TYPE
M	CDS UNIQUE IDENTIFIER
M	ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER (CODE OF PROVIDER)
M	ORGANISATION SITE IDENTIFIER (OF TREATMENT)
M	REPORTING PERIOD START DATE
M	REPORTING PERIOD END DATE
M	DATE AND TIME DATA SET CREATED

**PATIENT DEMOGRAPHICS**

<b>To carry demographic details of the patient. One occurrence of this group is required.</b>	
M/R/O	Data Set Data Elements

R	<u>LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER (EXTENDED)</u>
R	<u>ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER (LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER)</u>
R	<u>WITHHELD IDENTITY REASON</u>
R	<u>NHS NUMBER</u>
M	<u>NHS NUMBER STATUS INDICATOR CODE</u>
R	<u>POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS</u>
R	<u>ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER (RESIDENCE RESPONSIBILITY)</u>
R	<u>PERSON BIRTH DATE</u>

### HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL - DISCHARGE CHARACTERISTICS

**To carry discharge details of the patient. One occurrence of this group is required.**

M/R/O	Data Set Data Elements
M	<u>HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL IDENTIFIER</u>
R	<u>UNIQUE BOOKING REFERENCE NUMBER (CONVERTED)</u>
R	<u>PATIENT PATHWAY IDENTIFIER</u>
R	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE CATEGORY CODE (ON ADMISSION)</u>
R	<u>PATIENT CLASSIFICATION CODE</u>
O	<u>WARD CODE</u>
O	<u>WARD INTENDED CLINICAL CARE INTENSITY</u>
R	<u>ACTIVITY TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE</u>
O	<u>PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS (ICD)</u>
O	<u>SECONDARY DIAGNOSIS (ICD)</u>
O	<u>PRIMARY PROCEDURE (OPCS)</u>
R	<u>DESTINATION OF DISCHARGE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</u>
R	<u>METHOD OF DISCHARGE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</u>
R	<u>DISCHARGE READY DATE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</u>
M	<u>DISCHARGE DATE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</u>
R	<u>DISCHARGE TIME (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</u>
R	<u>AGE AT ACTIVITY DATE (HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS)</u>
R	<u>DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</u>
O	<u>DISEASE OUTBREAK NOTIFICATION DESCRIPTION (HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS)</u>
O	<u>DISEASE OUTBREAK NOTIFICATION FOR HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS (SNOMED CT)</u>

HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS DATA SET: ACUTE - OUT-PATIENT

Change to Data Set: New Data Set

**HEADER**

To carry header details.  
One occurrence of this group is required.

M/R/O	Data Set Data Elements
M	<u>HODF UPDATE TYPE</u>
M	<u>CDS UNIQUE IDENTIFIER</u>
M	<u>ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER (CODE OF PROVIDER)</u>
M	<u>ORGANISATION SITE IDENTIFIER (OF TREATMENT)</u>
M	<u>REPORTING PERIOD START DATE</u>
M	<u>REPORTING PERIOD END DATE</u>
M	<u>DATE AND TIME DATA SET CREATED</u>

**PATIENT DEMOGRAPHICS**

To carry demographic details of the patient.  
One occurrence of this group is required.

M/R/O	Data Set Data Elements
R	<u>LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER (EXTENDED)</u>
R	<u>ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER (LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER)</u>
R	<u>WITHHELD IDENTITY REASON</u>
R	<u>NHS NUMBER</u>
M	<u>NHS NUMBER STATUS INDICATOR CODE</u>
R	<u>POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS</u>
R	<u>ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER (RESIDENCE RESPONSIBILITY)</u>
R	<u>PERSON BIRTH DATE</u>

**OUT-PATIENT ATTENDANCE**

To carry out-patient attendance details.  
One occurrence of this group is required.

M/R/O	Data Set Data Elements
M	<u>OUTPATIENT ATTENDANCE IDENTIFIER</u>

R	<u>UNIQUE BOOKING REFERENCE NUMBER (CONVERTED)</u>
R	<u>PATIENT PATHWAY IDENTIFIER</u>
R	<u>SOURCE OF REFERRAL FOR OUT-PATIENTS</u>
R	<u>APPOINTMENT BOOKED REASON</u>
M	<u>APPOINTMENT DATE</u>
R	<u>APPOINTMENT TIME</u>
R	<u>AGE AT ACTIVITY DATE (HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS)</u>
R	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE CATEGORY CODE</u>
R	<u>ATTENDANCE STATUS</u>
R	<u>CONSULTATION MECHANISM</u>
R	<u>CONSULTATION TYPE</u>
O	<u>CLINIC CODE</u>
R	<u>OUT-PATIENT ATTENDANCE OUTCOME</u>
R	<u>ACTIVITY TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE</u>
O	<u>INTENDED PRIMARY PROCEDURE (OPCS)</u>
O	<u>PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS (ICD)</u>
O	<u>SECONDARY DIAGNOSIS (ICD)</u>
O	<u>PRIMARY PROCEDURE (OPCS)</u>
O	<u>DISEASE OUTBREAK NOTIFICATION DESCRIPTION (HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS)</u>
O	<u>DISEASE OUTBREAK NOTIFICATION FOR HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS (SNOMED CT)</u>

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**ACTIVITY DATE FOR AGE (HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS)**

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Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

An Activity Date for Age (Healthcare Operational Data Flows) is an ACTIVITY DATE TIME.

An Activity Date for Age (Healthcare Operational Data Flows) is the ACTIVITY DATE used to calculate the age of the PATIENT, for the Healthcare Operational Data Flows (Acute) Data Set.

An Activity Date for Age (Healthcare Operational Data Flows) is specified according to the specific data set as follows:

**DATA SET**

**ACTIVITY DATE**

<a href="#">Healthcare Operational Data Flows Data Set: Acute - Admission</a>	<a href="#">START DATE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</a>
<a href="#">Healthcare Operational Data Flows Data Set: Acute - Current</a>	<a href="#">START DATE (EPISODE)</a>
<a href="#">Healthcare Operational Data Flows Data Set: Acute - Discharge</a>	<a href="#">DISCHARGE DATE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</a>
<a href="#">Healthcare Operational Data Flows Data Set: Acute - Out-Patient</a>	<a href="#">APPOINTMENT DATE</a>

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## CARE TRANSFER HUB

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Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

A [Care Transfer Hub](#) is a focal point for coordinating discharges from Admitted Patient Care for [PATIENTS](#) with new or increased health and care needs, and who require post-discharge health and/or social care support.

A [Care Transfer Hub](#) manages discharges for [PATIENTS](#) on [Discharge Pathways](#) 1, 2 and 3.

[PATIENTS](#) who are likely to have complex discharge needs are referred to a [Care Transfer Hub](#) by [CARE PROFESSIONALS](#) or other staff from the [WARD](#) in which the [PATIENT](#) is residing. The [WARD](#) staff should begin discharge planning from the point of admission, and must provide relevant information about the [PATIENT](#)'s prospective needs to the [Care Transfer Hub](#). [Care Transfer Hub](#) staff determine the most appropriate [Discharge Pathway](#), taking a 'home first' approach.

[Care Transfer Hubs](#) may operate at [NHS Health Care Provider](#), [Integrated Care Board](#) lower-level geographical site ('place'), or at [Integrated Care System](#) level, to support local needs most effectively. Each [Care Transfer Hub](#) should comprise a multi-disciplinary and multi-agency team of health, social care, housing and voluntary sector partner [ORGANISATIONS](#), with strong links into [Health Care Providers](#).

'Place'-based [ORGANISATION](#) partnerships often (although not always) match the [GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#) covered by a [County](#) (upper-tier) [Local Authority](#) or [Unitary Authority](#). This means that in many areas, 'place' is the level at which most activity to join up budgets, undertake planning and decide pathways for health and social care [SERVICES](#) should happen.

Further information on [Care Transfer Hubs](#) can be found in the NHS England website at: [NHS England - UEC recovery plan delivery and improvement support](#).

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## COMMISSIONING DATA SETS OVERVIEW

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Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

The purpose of the [Commissioning Data Sets](#) is to enable conformant health [ACTIVITY](#) information to be generated, independent of the [ORGANISATION](#) or system that maintains it. This enables health [CARE PROFESSIONALS](#) to measure and compare the delivery and quality of care provided and to support them in sharing information with other health professionals and [ORGANISATIONS](#).

[Commissioning Data Sets](#) currently support the following [ACTIVITIES](#):

- monitoring and managing [NHS SERVICE CONTRACTS](#)
- developing commissioning plans
- supporting the [National Tariff Payment System](#)
- underpinning clinical governance
- understanding the health needs of the population
- reporting waiting time measurement

Information on care provided for all [PATIENTS](#) by [Health Care Providers](#) (both NHS and [Independent Sector Healthcare Providers](#) for NHS [PATIENTS](#) only) must be submitted to the [Secondary Uses Service](#) according to the [Commissioning Data Set Mandated Data Flows](#) guidelines.

Commissioning [ORGANISATIONS](#) need access to data to monitor [Non-Contract Activity](#) as part of the management of their [NHS SERVICE CONTRACTS](#), and to monitor in-year [REFERRAL REQUESTS](#) to investigate the sources and reasons for [Non-Contract Activity](#).

The [Department of Health and Social Care](#) requires accurate data for all [PATIENTS](#) admitted, treated as out-patients or treated as [Urgent and Emergency Care Activity](#) by [Health Care Providers](#), including [PATIENTS](#) receiving private treatment. The [Commissioning Data Sets](#) also includes NHS-funded [PATIENTS](#) treated electively in the independent sector and overseas.

[Referral To Treatment Clock Stop Administrative Events](#) may also flow using the [CDS V6-2 Type 020 - Outpatient Commissioning Data Set](#) or [CDS V6-3 Type 020 - Outpatient Commissioning Data Set](#). This allows the [Secondary Uses Service](#) to build accurate [PATIENT PATHWAYS](#) for the reporting of waiting time measurement.

Where possible the definitions and items collected in the [Healthcare Operational Data Flows \(Acute\) Data Sets](#) are aligned with those collected in the [Commissioning Data Set V6.3](#).

### [CDS Types](#)

The [Commissioning Data Sets](#) are the basic structure used for the submission of commissioning data to the [Secondary Uses Service](#) and is designed to be capable of individually conveying many different Commissioning Data Set structures encompassing [Urgent and Emergency Care Activity](#), [Care Professional Out-Patient Attendances](#), and [Care Professional Admitted Care Episodes](#) for both [CDS](#) version 6-2 and [CDS](#) version 6-3. [CDS](#) version 6-2 also supports the submission of Future Out-Patient Attendances and Elective Admission List data.

## Further Information

Further guidance material for submission of data to the [Secondary Uses Service](#) can be found at: [Secondary Uses Service \(SUS Guidance\)](#).

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## DISCHARGE PATHWAY

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Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

A [Discharge Pathway](#) is the intended or actual route which an admitted [PATIENT](#) in an Acute or Community Hospital takes on discharge from a [Care Professional Admitted Care Episode](#) or [Hospital Provider Spell](#).

[Discharge Pathway 0](#) (zero) covers

- simple discharge back to the [PATIENT](#)'s usual place of residence (e.g. own home, [Care Home](#) or temporary accommodation)
- arranged by [WARD](#) staff without the involvement of a [Care Transfer Hub](#)
- no requirement for new or increased levels of health and/or social care and support

and may also cover, where applicable:

- self-management with [Signposting](#) to [SERVICES](#) in the community
- voluntary sector support
- the re-start of a pre-existing Home Care package at the same level, that remained active and on pause during the [PATIENT](#)'s [Hospital Stay](#)
- returning to an original [Care Home](#) placement, with care at the same level as prior to the [PATIENT](#)'s [Hospital Stay](#)

[Discharge Pathway 1](#) covers:

- discharge back to the [PATIENT](#)'s usual place of residence (e.g. own home, [Care Home](#) or temporary accommodation)
- co-ordinated by a [Care Transfer Hub](#)
- where there is a requirement for new or increased levels of health and/or social care and support, OR

- a re-start of a Home Care package at the same level as a previous Home Care package that lapsed during the PATIENT's Hospital Stay

and may also cover, where applicable:

- provision of home-based intermediate care on a time-limited, short-term basis for rehabilitation, reablement and recovery
- provision of End of Life Care
- provision of long-term care and support at home following a period of intermediate care in the community (Note - applicable to discharge from Community Hospitals only)

Discharge Pathway 2 covers:

- discharge to a community-bedded setting (Care Home, Community Hospital or other bed-based rehabilitation facility e.g. Hospice)
- co-ordinated by a Care Transfer Hub
- with provision of bed-based intermediate care
- on a time-limited, short-term basis for rehabilitation, reablement and recovery

and may also cover, where applicable:

- provision of End of Life Care alongside intermediate care

Discharge Pathway 3 covers:

- PATIENTS with the highest level of complex needs, and in rare circumstances
- discharge to a Care Home or Hospice placement
- co-ordinated by a Care Transfer Hub
- assessment of long-term or ongoing needs and facilitation of PATIENT choice in relation to a permanent placement

and may also cover, where applicable:

- provision of End of Life Care
- provision of long-term care and support in a Care Home following a period of intermediate care in the community (Note - applicable to discharge from Community Hospitals only)

Further information on Discharge Pathways can be found at the gov.uk website at Hospital discharge and community support guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).

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**FASTER DATA FLOWS PROGRAMME**

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Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

The [Faster Data Flows Programme](#) is a data collection programme managed by [NHS England](#).

The [Faster Data Flows Programme](#) provides more timely data to [Health Care Providers](#), [Integrated Care Boards](#) and [NHS England](#) and further improves access to data and insights. Streamlining data collection methods to improve the flow and speed of data supports local, system and national decision making across the whole [PATIENT](#) pathway.

The [Faster Data Flows Programme](#) addresses the reporting burden on [Health Care Providers](#) by working with [Integrated Care Boards](#) to replace existing local data flows and rationalising the current aggregate data collections from [NHS England](#). Data collections through the [Faster Data Flows Programme](#) are used (where possible) to fulfil metric requests and prevent additional reporting burden being placed on [Health Care Providers](#).

The [Faster Data Flows Programme](#) aims to deliver the principles and objectives described within [Data Saves Lives](#) to:

- Reduce data collection burden
- Provide an automated data collection system
- Follow data minimisation principles by requesting core data items
- Support the improvement of data quality
- Provide a simplified approach to collecting data.

The NHS Priorities and Operational Planning Guidance for 2023/24 set out [NHS England](#) 's commitment to using the [Faster Data Flows Programme](#) to reduce the reporting burden on [Health Care Providers](#) and to address the need for more timely automated data.

Further information on the [Faster Data Flows Programme](#), can be found on the [Faster Data Flows website](#).

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## HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS (ACUTE) DATA SET INTRODUCTION

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Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

The [Healthcare Operational Data Flows \(Acute\) Data Set](#) is made up of the following data sets:

- [Admission](#)
  - Minimum requirement: All new admissions in a 24 hour period 00:00:00 to 23:59:59 prior to the day of submission
  - Best practice: All new and all newly recorded or changed admissions in a 24 hour period 00:00:00 to 23:59:59 prior to the day of submission
- [Current](#)
  - All current bed occupants at 08:00:00 on the day of submission
- [Discharge](#)

- Minimum requirement: All new discharges in a 24 hour period 00:00:00 to 23:59:59 prior to the day of submission
- Best practice: All new and all newly recorded or changed discharges in a 24 hour period 00:00:00 to 23:59:59 prior to the day of submission
- **Out-Patient**
  - Minimum requirement: All out-patient appointments in a 24 hour period 00:00:00 to 23:59:59 prior to the day of submission
  - Best practice: All new and all newly recorded or changed out-patient appointments in a 24 hour period 00:00:00 to 23:59:59 prior to the day of submission

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## HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS (ACUTE) DATA SET OVERVIEW

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Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

### Introduction

The [Healthcare Operational Data Flows \(Acute\) Data Set](#) has been established by the [Faster Data Flows Programme](#) to provide the data definitions for an automated [PATIENT](#)-based daily data collection.

The [Healthcare Operational Data Flows \(Acute\) Data Set](#) supports NHS delivery plans for the recovery of elective care and urgent and emergency care in relation to NHS waiting lists, care co-ordination, and the improvement of managing [PATIENT](#) flows through the health and social care system.

### Scope

All NHS commissioned [ACTIVITY](#) provided by [NHS Trusts](#) and [NHS Foundation Trusts](#) commissioned to provide acute services should be submitted in these 4 collections:

- [Healthcare Operational Data Flows Data Set: Acute - Admission](#)
- [Healthcare Operational Data Flows Data Set: Acute - Current](#)
- [Healthcare Operational Data Flows Data Set: Acute - Discharge](#)
- [Healthcare Operational Data Flows Data Set: Acute - Out-Patient](#)

Acute services includes secondary care [ACTIVITY](#) undertaken by any [NHS Trust](#) or [NHS Foundation Trust](#) in England including overseas [PATIENTS](#), but not including [PATIENTS](#) receiving private treatment within an [NHS Trust](#) or [NHS Foundation Trust](#) (i.e. within a Private Patient Unit (PPU)).

Where possible the definitions of data items collected in the [Healthcare Operational Data Flows \(Acute\) Data Set](#) are aligned with those collected in [Commissioning Data Set V6.3](#).

## Submission Information

The [Healthcare Operational Data Flows \(Acute\) Data Set](#) is submitted via the Faster Data Flows Application Programme Interface as one CSV file for each collection.

- [Admission](#)
  - Minimum requirement: All new admissions in a 24 hour period 00:00:00 to 23:59:59 prior to the day of submission
  - Best practice: All new and all newly recorded or changed admissions in a 24 hour period 00:00:00 to 23:59:59 prior to the day of submission
- [Current](#)
  - All current bed occupants at 08:00:00 on the day of submission
- [Discharge](#)
  - Minimum requirement: All new discharges in a 24 hour period 00:00:00 to 23:59:59 prior to the day of submission
  - Best practice: All new and all newly recorded or changed discharges in a 24 hour period 00:00:00 to 23:59:59 prior to the day of submission
- [Out-Patient](#)
  - Minimum requirement: All out-patient appointments in a 24 hour period 00:00:00 to 23:59:59 prior to the day of submission
  - Best practice: All new and all newly recorded or changed out-patient appointments in a 24 hour period 00:00:00 to 23:59:59 prior to the day of submission

NHS commissioned [ACTIVITY](#) submitted in the [Healthcare Operational Data Flows \(Acute\) Data Set](#) should include:

- [Out-Patient Appointments](#) (including Did Not Attends and Cancelled Appointments) and Admitted Patient Care under the care of a [CONSULTANT, MIDWIFE, NURSE](#) or [ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL](#) where an appropriate [TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE](#) is present
- [ACTIVITY](#) taking place under the care of other [Biomedical Scientists](#) and [Clinical Scientists](#) may be included (where an appropriate [TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE](#) is present) if required, although this is not mandated
- Where the [ACTIVITY](#) relates to a [Referral To Treatment Period Included In Referral To Treatment Consultant-Led Waiting Times Measurement](#), or [Allied Health Professional Referral To Treatment Measurement](#) the [ACTIVITY](#) should be included, and [PATIENT PATHWAY IDENTIFIER](#) or [UNIQUE BOOKING REFERENCE NUMBER \(CONVERTED\)](#) must be completed where appropriate.

## Further Guidance

Implementation guidance and Frequently Asked Questions have been produced by [NHS England](#) and can be found on [Faster Data Flows \(FDF\) - National Reporting - FutureNHS Collaboration Platform](#) at [FutureNHS for You](#).

For enquiries regarding the [Healthcare Operational Data Flows \(Acute\) Data Set](#), please contact [england.fdf@nhs.net](mailto:england.fdf@nhs.net).

## **Mandation**

The Mandatory or Required (M/R/O) column indicates the recommendation for the inclusion of data.

- M = Mandatory: this data element is mandatory and the technical process (e.g. submission of the data set, production of output etc) cannot be completed without this data element being present
- R = Required: NHS business processes cannot be delivered without this data element
- O = Optional: the inclusion of this data element is optional as required for local purposes.

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## **HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS SET DATA SETS MENU**

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Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

- [Message Documentation](#)
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- **Healthcare Operational Data Flows**
- **Acute**
- [Admission](#)
- [Current](#)
- [Discharge](#)
- [Out-Patient](#)

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## **SUPPORTING DATA SETS MENU**

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Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

- [Message Documentation](#)

**Contract Monitoring:**

- [Aggregate Contract Monitoring](#)
- [Devices Patient Level Contract Monitoring](#)
- [Drugs Patient Level Contract Monitoring](#)
- [Patient Level Contract Monitoring](#)

**Critical Care:**

- [Critical Care](#)
- [Neonatal Critical Care](#)
- [Paediatric Critical Care](#)

**Healthcare Operational Data Flows (Acute):**

- [Admission](#)
- [Current](#)
- [Discharge](#)
- [Out-Patient](#)

**Other:**

- [NHS Continuing Healthcare Patient Level](#)

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**ACTIVITY GROUP**

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Change to Class: Changed Attributes

*Attributes of this Class are:*

ADJUSTED LENGTH OF STAY  
ADMISSION METHOD  
ADMISSION SOURCE  
CANCER OR SYMPTOMATIC BREAST REFERRAL PATIENT STATUS  
CANCER TRANSFER REASON FOR INTER PROVIDER TRANSFER  
CANCER TREATMENT INTENT  
CARE PACKAGE IDENTIFIER FOR NHS CONTINUING HEALTHCARE  
CARE PACKAGE REVIEW ELIGIBILITY OUTCOME FOR NHS CONTINUING HEALTHCARE  
CARE PACKAGE REVIEW OUTCOME CODE FOR NHS CONTINUING HEALTHCARE  
CARE PACKAGE REVIEW TYPE FOR NHS CONTINUING HEALTHCARE  
CARER RESIDENT INDICATION CODE FOR NATIONAL NEONATAL DATA SET

CHILDREN TEENAGERS AND YOUNG ADULTS AGE CATEGORY  
CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA RISK FACTORS FOR LIVER CANCER  
CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP ELIGIBILITY DECISION OUTCOME FOR  
NHS CONTINUING HEALTHCARE STANDARD  
CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP REVIEW ELIGIBILITY DECISION  
OUTCOME FOR NHS CONTINUING HEALTHCARE  
COMMUNITY PERINATAL MENTAL HEALTH PARTNER ASSESSMENT OFFER  
INDICATOR  
COMMUNITY TREATMENT ORDER END REASON  
CONTINUITY OF CARER PATHWAY INDICATOR  
CRITERIA TO RESIDE FOR HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL  
DAUGHTER BORN AT THIS ENCOUNTER INDICATOR  
DELIVERY PLACE CHANGE REASON  
DESTINATION OF DISCHARGE  
DISCHARGE DESTINATION  
DISCHARGED TO HOSPITAL AT HOME SERVICE INDICATOR  
DISCHARGED TO NHS AT HOME SERVICE INDICATOR  
DISCHARGE FROM IMPROVING ACCESS TO PSYCHOLOGICAL THERAPIES  
SERVICE REASON  
DISCHARGE METHOD  
DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY FOR HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL  
DISCHARGE REASON FOR MOTHER MATERNITY SERVICES  
ESTIMATED DATE OF DELIVERY  
FIRST REGULAR DAY OR NIGHT ADMISSION  
FITNESS ASSESSMENT FOR OLDER PATIENTS WITH BREAST CANCER  
INDICATOR  
HOLISTIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND PERSONALISED CARE AND SUPPORT  
PLAN POINT OF CANCER PATHWAY  
HOLISTIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND PERSONALISED CARE AND SUPPORT  
PLAN STATUS  
ILLICIT SUBSTANCE USE TYPE  
INDEPENDENT MENTAL CAPACITY ADVOCATE ASSIGNED INDICATOR  
INDEPENDENT MENTAL CAPACITY ADVOCATE REQUIRED INDICATOR  
INDEPENDENT MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE ASSIGNED INDICATOR  
INDEPENDENT MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE REQUIRED INDICATOR  
LABOUR ONSET METHOD CODE FOR NATIONAL NEONATAL DATA SET  
LAST EPISODE IN SPELL INDICATOR CODE  
LENGTH OF STAY ADJUSTMENT  
LENGTH OF STAY ADJUSTMENT REASON

MATERNAL CRITICAL INCIDENT INDICATOR  
MENTAL HEALTH ABSOLUTE DISCHARGE RESPONSIBILITY  
MENTAL HEALTH ADMITTED PATIENT CLASSIFICATION TYPE  
MENTAL HEALTH CLINICALLY READY FOR DISCHARGE PERIOD  
ATTRIBUTABLE TO INDICATION CODE  
MENTAL HEALTH CLINICALLY READY FOR DISCHARGE PERIOD DELAY  
REASON  
MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE END REASON  
METHOD OF ADMISSION  
METHOD OF DISCHARGE  
MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM RECOMMENDATION FOR NHS CONTINUING  
HEALTHCARE STANDARD  
NEONATAL CRITICAL INCIDENT INDICATOR  
NEONATAL LEVEL OF CARE  
NHS CONTINUING HEALTHCARE ACTIVITY TYPE  
NHS CONTINUING HEALTHCARE COMMISSIONED SERVICES INDICATOR  
NHS CONTINUING HEALTHCARE PREVIOUSLY UNASSESSED PERIOD OF  
CARE DECISION OUTCOME  
NHS CONTINUING HEALTHCARE REFERRAL EXCEEDING 28 DAYS TIME  
BAND CATEGORY  
NHS CONTINUING HEALTHCARE TYPE  
NON CURATIVE INTENT REASON FOR UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL  
NON SMOKING CONFIRMATION STATUS AT 4 WEEKS  
OPERATION FUNDING FOR NATIONAL JOINT REGISTRY  
OUTCOME AT 4 WEEK FOLLOW UP FOR STOP SMOKING  
OUTPATIENT ATTENDANCE OUTCOME  
PALLIATIVE CARE SPECIALIST SEEN INDICATOR  
PATIENT ATTENDANCE SYMPTOMATIC INDICATOR FOR SEXUAL HEALTH  
SERVICE  
PATIENT CLASSIFICATION  
PATIENT ON PATIENT INITIATED OUTPATIENT FOLLOW UP PATHWAY  
INDICATOR  
PATIENT RECEIVING ONE TO ONE NURSING CARE INDICATOR  
PHARMACOTHERAPY STOP SMOKING AID RECEIVED  
PLANNED DELIVERY SETTING CHANGE REASON  
PLANNED DESTINATION OF DISCHARGE  
PREGNANCY OUTCOME  
PSYCHIATRIC PATIENT STATUS  
REASON FOR DISCHARGE DELAY

SEXUAL INTERCOURSE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF SUBSTANCE INDICATOR  
SOURCE OF ADMISSION  
SUBSTANCE INJECTED IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS INDICATOR  
SUBSTANCE INJECTED SHARED EQUIPMENT IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS INDICATOR  
SUBSTANCE USE IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS INDICATOR  
URGENT AND EMERGENCY CARE DISCHARGE INFORMATION GIVEN INDICATOR

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**ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD EXTRACT**

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Change to Class: Changed Attributes

*Attributes of this Class are:*

CDS BULK REPLACEMENT GROUP CODE  
CDS INTERCHANGE APPLICATION REFERENCE  
CDS INTERCHANGE CONTROL COUNT  
CDS INTERCHANGE CONTROL REFERENCE  
CDS INTERCHANGE RECEIVER IDENTITY  
CDS INTERCHANGE SENDER IDENTITY  
CDS INTERCHANGE TEST INDICATOR  
CDS MESSAGE REFERENCE  
CDS MESSAGE TYPE  
CDS MESSAGE VERSION NUMBER  
CDS PROTOCOL IDENTIFIER CODE  
CDS TYPE CODE  
CDS UPDATE TYPE  
DATA SET VERSION NUMBER  
HARS TEST INDICATOR  
HODF UPDATE TYPE  
PRIMARY DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM IN USE  
RADIOTHERAPY RECORD AND VERIFY SYSTEM VERSION  
RECORD COUNT  
RECORD IDENTIFIER  
REPORTING TYPE INDICATOR  
SUBMISSION IDENTIFIER  
WITHHELD IDENTITY REASON

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**CRITERIA TO RESIDE CODE FOR HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL**

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Change to Attribute: New Attribute

A code to identify the criteria to reside in a Hospital Bed as assessed by a CARE PROFESSIONAL for a PATIENT during a Hospital Provider Spell.

If a PATIENT no longer meets the criteria to reside in a Hospital Bed the Discharge Ready Date should be populated in the PATIENT record.

- 01 PATIENT requires critical or high dependency care
- 02 PATIENT requires Oxygen Therapy or non-invasive ventilation
- 03 PATIENT requires intravenous fluids
- 04 PATIENT has a National Early Warning Score greater than 3
- 05 PATIENT has a diminished level of consciousness where PATIENT recovery is realistic
- 06 PATIENT has acute functional impairment in excess of home or community care provision
- 07 PATIENT is in last hours of life
- 08 PATIENT requires intravenous medication more than twice a day (including analgesia)
- 09 PATIENT has undergone lower limb surgery within the last 48 hours
- 10 PATIENT has undergone thorax-abdominal and/or pelvic surgery within the last 72 hours
- 11 PATIENT has undergone an invasive Patient Procedure within the last 24 hours, and there is an attendant risk of acute life-threatening deterioration
- 12 PATIENT has criteria to reside but specific criteria to reside not recorded

**This attribute is also known by these names:**

Context	Alias
plural	CRITERIA TO RESIDE CODES FOR HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL

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**CRITERIA TO RESIDE CODE FOR HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL**

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Change to Attribute: New Attribute

**CRITERIA TO RESIDE CODE FOR HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL**

Data Elements:

CRITERIA TO RESIDE CODE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)
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**DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY FOR HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL**

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Change to Attribute: New Attribute

The sub category of the applicable Discharge Pathway, planned or actual, for a PATIENT in a Hospital Provider Spell.

*National Codes:*

- 01 Discharge Pathway 0 - Discharge to a domestic home, hotel, or other temporary accommodation without the need for new or increased care or support from health and social care
- 02 Discharge Pathway 0 - Discharge back to an original Care Home placement when the Care Home has confirmed they can continue to meet the PATIENT's needs with the same level of support
- 11 Discharge Pathway 1 - Discharge to a domestic home, hotel, or other temporary accommodation, or Hospice at home service with rehabilitation, reablement and recovery
- 12 Discharge Pathway 1 - Discharge to a domestic home, hotel, or other temporary accommodation, or Hospice at home service with other new or additional support (e.g. End of Life Care)
- 13 Discharge Pathway 1 - Discharge back to original Care Home placement with rehabilitation, reablement and recovery, or with an increased level of support
- 21 Discharge Pathway 2 - Discharge to short-term community bed or Hospice for rehabilitation, reablement and recovery, or End of Life Care
- 31 Discharge Pathway 3 - Discharge to a Care Home as a new admission (excluding for End of Life Care)
- 32 Discharge Pathway 3 - Discharge to a Care Home or Hospice as a new admission for End of Life Care

**This attribute is also known by these names:**

Context	Alias
plural	DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORIES FOR HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL

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**DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY FOR HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL**

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Change to Attribute: New Attribute

## DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY FOR HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL

### Data Elements:

DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)
PLANNED DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)

### HODF UPDATE TYPE

Change to Attribute: New Attribute

An instruction to either delete or insert a record for the Healthcare Operational Data Flows (Acute) Data Set.

### National Codes:

INSERT Insert a new record

DELETE Delete a record

### This attribute is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	HODF UPDATE TYPES

### HODF UPDATE TYPE

Change to Attribute: New Attribute

## HODF UPDATE TYPE

### Data Elements:

HODF UPDATE TYPE
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### REASON FOR DISCHARGE DELAY

Change to Attribute: New Attribute

The reason why a PATIENT with a Discharge Ready Date who no longer meets the 'Criteria To Reside' in a Hospital Bed, has not been discharged from a Hospital Provider Spell.

The REASON FOR DISCHARGE DELAY should be recorded when the PATIENT has not been discharged from the Hospital Provider Spell and has incurred one or more overnight stays since being assessed as having 'No Criteria To Reside', and the recording of the Discharge Ready Date.

The REASON FOR DISCHARGE DELAY may change during the period of time during which discharge is delayed, and such changes should be submitted in the Healthcare Operational Data Flows Data Set: Acute - Current.

*National Codes:*

- A01 Hospital process - Awaiting ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL review of need for supported discharge
- A02 Hospital process - Awaiting CONSULTANT or other Registered Medical Practitioner review of need for supported discharge
- A03 Hospital process - Awaiting referral to Care Transfer Hub for supported discharge
- A04 Hospital process - Awaiting Patient Transport Services
- A05 Hospital process - Awaiting medicines to take home, discharge letter or other discharge documentation
- A06 Hospital process - Remaining in hospital due to infection prevention and control restrictions
- A07 Hospital process - Awaiting formal decision to discharge (including diagnostic test results)
- B01 Wellbeing concerns - PATIENT, family, Carer or Care Worker concerns over discharge readiness
- B02 Wellbeing concerns - Ongoing safeguarding concern
- B03 Wellbeing concerns - Awaiting determination of mental capacity
- B04 Wellbeing concerns - Issues with discharge destination readiness
- C01 Care Transfer Hub process - Awaiting confirmation of immediate care needs and Discharge Pathway
- C02 Care Transfer Hub process - Awaiting necessary referrals by Care Transfer Hub
- C03 Care Transfer Hub process - Awaiting confirmation of funding eligibility
- D01 Interface process - Home based rehabilitation, reablement or recovery service arrangements still underway (Discharge Pathway 1)
- D02 Interface process - Other home-based social care service arrangements still underway (Discharge Pathway 1)
- D03 Interface process - Other home-based community health service arrangements still underway (Discharge Pathway 1)
- D04 Interface process - Housing provision arrangement for homelessness still underway (Discharge Pathway 0 or 1)
- D05 Interface process - Bed-based rehabilitation, reablement or recovery service arrangements still underway (Discharge Pathway 2)

- D06 Interface process - Residential or Care Home Services with Nursing arrangements still underway (Discharge Pathway 3)
- D07 Interface process - End of life care including Fast-Track Continuing Healthcare arrangements still underway (Discharge Pathway 1 or 3)
- D08 Interface process - Further action required by receiving provider
- D09 Interface process - Homeless with no recourse to public funds
- D10 Interface process - Self-funded care package arrangements still underway
- D11 Interface process - PATIENT, family, Carer or Care Worker choice discussions on package still underway
- D12 Interface process - Out of area discharge arrangements requested but not completed
- E01 Capacity - Home-based rehabilitation, reablement or recovery services not yet available (Discharge Pathway 1)
- E02 Capacity - Other home-based social care services not yet available (Discharge Pathway 1)
- E03 Capacity - Other home-based community health services not yet available (Discharge Pathway 1)
- E04 Capacity - Housing provision not yet available (Discharge Pathway 0 or 1)
- E05 Capacity - Bed-based rehabilitation, reablement or recovery services not yet available (Discharge Pathway 2)
- E06 Capacity - Mental health admitted patient care not yet available (Discharge Pathway 2)
- E07 Capacity - Residential or Care Home Services with Nursing not yet available (Discharge Pathway 3)
- E08 Capacity - End of life care including Fast-Track Continuing Healthcare not yet available (Discharge Pathway 1 or 3)
- E09 Capacity - Housing adaptations not yet completed (Discharge Pathway 1 or 3)
- E10 Capacity - Equipment and associated training not yet delivered (Discharge Pathway 1 or 3)
- E11 Capacity - Awaiting restart of existing social care arrangements (Discharge Pathway 0)

**This attribute is also known by these names:**

Context	Alias
plural	REASONS FOR DISCHARGE DELAY

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**REASON FOR DISCHARGE DELAY**

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Change to Attribute: New Attribute

## REASON FOR DISCHARGE DELAY

### Data Elements:

REASON FOR DISCHARGE DELAY (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)

### WITHHELD IDENTITY REASON

Change to Attribute: Changed Description

~~A code used in the Data Group 'Withheld Identity Structure' in the Commissioning Data Sets (version 6.2 onwards) to allow suppliers of [Commissioning Data Set](#) records to indicate to recipients of the record (for example, the Commissioner of the [ACTIVITY](#)) that the record has been purposely anonymised for a valid reason.~~

The reason that identifiable [PATIENT](#) details have been withheld in an [ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD EXTRACT](#).

[WITHHELD IDENTITY REASON](#) allows suppliers of [PATIENT](#) records within [ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD EXTRACTS](#) to indicate the reason why the record does not contain [PATIENT](#)-identifiable details such as [NHS NUMBER](#), [PATIENT NAME](#), [PATIENT USUAL ADDRESS](#) etc.

See [Security Issues and Patient Confidentiality](#) for further details.

### National Codes:

- 01 Record anonymised for legal/statutory reasons
- 02 Record anonymised at request of Caldicott Guardian
- 03 Record anonymised at request of [PATIENT](#)
- 97 Record anonymised for other reason

### AGE AT ACTIVITY DATE (HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS)

Change to Data Element: New Data Element

Format/Length:	max n3
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	999 - Not known i.e. date of birth not known and age cannot be estimated

### Notes:

AGE AT ACTIVITY DATE (HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS) is the same as attribute PERSON AGE.

AGE AT ACTIVITY DATE (HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS) is the age of the PATIENT at the specified Activity Date for Age (Healthcare Operational Data Flows).

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**AGE AT ACTIVITY DATE (HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS)**

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Change to Data Element: New Data Element

**AGE AT ACTIVITY DATE (HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS)**

**Attribute:**

PERSON AGE

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**APPOINTMENT BOOKED REASON**

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Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	an1
National Codes:	See <u>APPOINTMENT BOOKED REASON</u>
Default Codes:	

**Notes:**

APPOINTMENT BOOKED REASON is the same as attribute APPOINTMENT BOOKED REASON.

~~For the Commissioning Data Sets, APPOINTMENT BOOKED REASON refers to the reason that the APPOINTMENT record carried in the Commissioning Data Set message was booked, and not any subsequent APPOINTMENTS made as a result of that Care Professional Out-Patient Attendance.~~ For the Commissioning Data Sets and the Healthcare Operational Data Flows (Acute) Data Sets, APPOINTMENT BOOKED REASON refers to the reason that the APPOINTMENT record carried in the Commissioning Data Set or Healthcare Operational Data Flows (Acute) Data Set message was booked, and not any subsequent APPOINTMENTS made as a result of that Care Professional Out-Patient Attendance.

## CDS UNIQUE IDENTIFIER

Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length: min an1 max an35  
 National Codes:  
 Default Codes:

### Notes:

[CDS UNIQUE IDENTIFIER](#) is the same as attribute [RECORD IDENTIFIER](#).

~~[CDS UNIQUE IDENTIFIER](#) provides a unique identity for the life-time of an episode carried in a Commissioning Data Set message.~~ [CDS UNIQUE IDENTIFIER](#) provides a unique identity for the life-time of an episode carried in a Commissioning Data Set message or a record carried in the [Healthcare Operational Data Flows \(Acute\) Data Sets](#)

Note that the [CDS UNIQUE IDENTIFIER](#) must be constructed without the use of [PATIENT Confidential Information](#). This includes [PATIENT Identifiers](#) such as [NHS NUMBER](#) or [LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER \(EXTENDED\)](#), as well as any text which may identify the [PATIENT DIAGNOSIS](#) of the [PATIENT](#) or any [PATIENT](#) procedures being undertaken.

See the [Commissioning Data Set Submission Protocol](#) for detailed information.

~~Once assigned, a Commissioning Data Set record must retain its CDS UNIQUE IDENTIFIER otherwise duplicate Commissioning Data Set records may be generated and stored in the [Secondary Uses Service](#) database.~~ Once assigned, the [CDS UNIQUE IDENTIFIER](#) must be retained and used when records are submitted or duplicate records may be generated and stored in the receiving system.

The [CDS UNIQUE IDENTIFIER](#) has three components. The recommended constructs are given below.

~~For All CDS Types EXCEPT the EAL CDS Types:~~ For All CDS Types EXCEPT the EAL CDS Types and for the [Healthcare Operational Data Flows \(Acute\) Data Sets](#):

REF	UID	FORMAT	CODES / VALUES	COMMENT
1	<del>NHS Organisation Code Type</del>	an1	A = Pre 1996 <a href="#">ORGANISATION CODE</a> B = Post 1996 NHS <a href="#">ORGANISATION CODE / ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER</a>	Mandatory For all <a href="#">CDS Types</a>
2	<del>Provider Code</del>	an5		Mandatory for all <a href="#">CDS Types</a>

			The NHS <a href="#">ORGANISATION CODE / ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER</a> of the Provider at the time of, or at the start of, the period covered by the activity reported by the CDS Message.	
3a	<b>Application Specific CDS Identity</b>	an29	A code of up to <b>29 alphanumeric characters</b> generated by the Sender's application to uniquely identify the CDS within its CDS Type or family of CDS Types	Mandatory for all <a href="#">CDS Types</a> <b>Except for EAL CDS Types</b>
1	<b>NHS Organisation Code Type</b>	an1	A = Pre 1996 <a href="#">ORGANISATION CODE</a> B = Post 1996 NHS <a href="#">ORGANISATION CODE / ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER</a>	Mandatory For all <a href="#">CDS Types</a> and for the <a href="#">Healthcare Operational Data Flows (Acute) Data Sets</a>
2	<b>Provider Code</b>	an5	The NHS <a href="#">ORGANISATION CODE / ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER</a> of the Provider at the time of, or at the start of, the period covered by the activity reported by the CDS Message.	Mandatory for all <a href="#">CDS Types</a> and for the <a href="#">Healthcare Operational Data Flows (Acute) Data Sets</a>
3a	<b>Application Specific CDS Identity</b>	an29	A code of up to <b>29 alphanumeric characters</b> generated by the Sender's application to uniquely identify the CDS within its CDS Type or family of CDS Types	Mandatory for all <a href="#">CDS Types</a> ( <b>Except for EAL CDS Types</b> ) and for the <a href="#">Healthcare Operational Data Flows (Acute) Data Sets</a>

For EAL End Of Period (EOP) CDS Types only (CDS 6-2 only):

REF	UID	FORMAT	CODES / VALUES	COMMENT
1	<b>NHS Organisation Code Type</b>	an1	A = Pre 1996 <a href="#">ORGANISATION CODE</a> B = Post 1996 NHS <a href="#">ORGANISATION CODE / ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER</a>	Mandatory For all <a href="#">CDS Types</a>

2	<b>Provider Code</b>	an5	The NHS <a href="#">ORGANISATION CODE</a> / <a href="#">ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER</a> of the Provider at the time of, or at the start of, the period covered by the activity reported by the CDS Message.	Mandatory for all <a href="#">CDS Types</a>
3b	<b>Application Specific CDS Identity</b>	an9	A code of up to <b>9 alphanumeric characters</b> generated by the Sender's application to uniquely identify the EAL End Of period census CDS Types with the same Admission List Entry. Additional data positions must be left blank.	<b>Mandatory for all EAL EOP CDS Types</b>
3c	<b>Filler</b>	an20	Additional data positions must be left blank.	

**For EAL Event During Period (EDP) CDS Types only (CDS 6-2 only):**

REF	UID	FORMAT	CODES / VALUES	COMMENT
1	<b>NHS Organisation Code Type</b>	an1	A = Pre 1996 <a href="#">ORGANISATION CODE</a> B = Post 1996 NHS <a href="#">ORGANISATION CODE</a> / <a href="#">ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER</a>	Mandatory For all <a href="#">CDS Types</a>
2	<b>Provider Code</b>	an5	The NHS <a href="#">ORGANISATION CODE</a> / <a href="#">ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER</a> of the Provider at the time of, or at the start of, the period covered by the activity reported by the CDS Message.	Mandatory for all <a href="#">CDS Types</a>
3d	<b>Application Specific CDS Identity</b>	an9	A code of up to <b>5 alphanumeric characters padded with 4 trailing spaces to 9 characters</b> . Generated by the Sender's application to uniquely identify the EAL Event During Period Census CDS Types with the same Admission List Entry.	<b>Mandatory for all EAL EDP CDS Types</b>

3e	Filler	an3	A code of <b>3 alpha-numeric characters</b> generated by the Sender's application to identify <b>the event</b> within the EAL Entry. Even if the events are of different types, they must have different identifiers.	<b>Mandatory for all EAL EDP CDS Types</b>
3f	Filler	an17	Additional data positions must be left blank.	

**Usage: Usage in the Commissioning Data Sets:**

[CDS UNIQUE IDENTIFIER](#) is a mandatory data item when the Net Change Update Mechanism is used. ***It is strongly advised that users of the Bulk Replacement Mechanism maintain a correctly generated [CDS UNIQUE IDENTIFIER](#) within the Commissioning Data Set data. This will establish a migration path towards the use of the Net Change Mechanism and will also then minimise the risk of creating duplicate Commissioning Data Set data in the [Secondary Uses Service](#) database.***

- Note that senders of Commissioning Data Set data remain directly responsible for the integrity of the [CDS UNIQUE IDENTIFIER](#)
- It is a mandatory requirement for all submissions using the Net Change Update Mechanism that these two components are constructed correctly to ensure uniqueness of [CDS UNIQUE IDENTIFIERS](#) across the NHS.
- The structure of 3b and 3c allows the EAL End of Period Census and the EAL Event During Period Census for the same EAL Entry to be linked (CDS 6-2 only).

There are circumstances in patient care application systems where the control of the UID key integrity may be suspect. These issues include:

- Episode deletion (not resulting in a Commissioning Data Set deletion of previously submitted data sent to the original Commissioner);
- Episode re-sequencing (not resulting in a corresponding Commissioning Data Set records being sent);
- Service agreement alterations not resulting in correct adjustments - Old Service Agreement deletion / New Service Agreement addition
- Re-admissions causing duplicate keys on the [Secondary Uses Service](#) database.

Each use of an NHS [ORGANISATION CODE](#) within a Commissioning Data Set message must be associated with the release version of the NHS Organisation Code scheme. At present this may be derived locally by NHS IT systems.

The following values have been informally used in many Commissioning Data Set implementations and are recommended to be used:

- A or O\* Signifying "OLD" (pre-April 1996) to denote an [ORGANISATION CODE](#) issued before, and in use up to the 1996 major re-issue
- B or N\* Signifying "NEW" (post-April 1996) to denote an [ORGANISATION CODE](#) / [ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER](#) issued from April 1996

\* The values of **A and B** must be used in the formatting of the [CDS UNIQUE IDENTIFIER](#).

Note: the Format/Length has been updated in [Data Dictionary Change Notice 1808 "Correction of Format/Length Data Elements"](#). The Data Set specifications that contain this item will be updated in the next version of the Information Standard where it is not already correct.

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## CLINIC CODE

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Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	max an12
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

### Notes:

[CLINIC CODE](#) is the same as attribute [CLINIC OR FACILITY CODE](#).

~~For Commissioning Data Set version 6-2, [CLINIC CODE](#) identifies the [CLINIC OR FACILITY](#) where an [Out-Patient Appointment](#) took place. For the Commissioning Data Sets and the Healthcare Operational Data Flows (Acute) Data Sets, [CLINIC CODE](#) identifies the [CLINIC OR FACILITY](#) where an [Out-Patient Appointment](#) took place.~~

~~[CLINIC CODE](#) is an optional item in the Commissioning Data Set version 6-2, and is for local use only.~~ [CLINIC CODE](#) is an optional item in the Commissioning Data Sets and the Healthcare Operational Data Flows (Acute) Data Sets, and is for local use only. However it must NOT contain any text which may identify the [PATIENT DIAGNOSIS](#) of the [PATIENTS](#) using the [CLINIC OR FACILITY](#) (for example, it must not include the acronym 'HIV') or the [Patient Procedure](#) being undertaken (for example using the acronym 'TOP' for terminations of pregnancy). Use of such identifiers contravenes the legal requirements for withholding identifiable information about [PATIENTS](#) with identified conditions. See [Security Issues and Patient Confidentiality](#) for further details.

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## CRITERIA TO RESIDE CODE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)

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Change to Data Element: New Data Element

Format/Length:	an2
National Codes:	See <a href="#">CRITERIA TO RESIDE CODE FOR HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL</a>
Default Codes:	98 - Not Applicable (No Criteria to Reside)

**Notes:**

[CRITERIA TO RESIDE CODE \(HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL\)](#) is the same as attribute [CRITERIA TO RESIDE CODE FOR HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL](#).

**This data element is also known by these names:**

Context	Alias
plural	<a href="#">CRITERIA TO RESIDE CODES (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</a>

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**CRITERIA TO RESIDE CODE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)**

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Change to Data Element: New Data Element

## **CRITERIA TO RESIDE CODE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)**

**Attribute:**

<a href="#">CRITERIA TO RESIDE CODE FOR HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL</a>
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**DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)**

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Change to Data Element: New Data Element

Format/Length:	an2
National Codes:	See <a href="#">DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY FOR HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL</a>
Default Codes:	

**Notes:**

[DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY \(HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL\)](#) is the same as attribute [DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY FOR HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL](#).

**This data element is also known by these names:**

Context	Alias
plural	<a href="#">DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORIES (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</a>

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**DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)**

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Change to Data Element: New Data Element

**DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)**

**Attribute:**

DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY FOR HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL

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**DISEASE OUTBREAK NOTIFICATION DESCRIPTION (HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS)**

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Change to Data Element: New Data Element

Format/Length: max an20  
National Codes:  
Default Codes:

**Notes:**

DISEASE OUTBREAK NOTIFICATION DESCRIPTION (HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS) is the same as attribute PERSON OBSERVATION TEXT STRING.

DISEASE OUTBREAK NOTIFICATION DESCRIPTION (HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS) is used in the Healthcare Operational Data Flows (Acute) Data Set to support the collection of nationally-notifiable data relating to outbreaks of disease, which are identified during an ACTIVITY, where a SNOMED CT CODE is NOT available.

DISEASE OUTBREAK NOTIFICATION DESCRIPTION (HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS) (and the containing record) is subject to personal confidential data cleaning, sensitive and legally restricted code redaction and de-identification before release to analytical output.

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**DISEASE OUTBREAK NOTIFICATION DESCRIPTION (HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS)**

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Change to Data Element: New Data Element

**DISEASE OUTBREAK NOTIFICATION DESCRIPTION (HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS)**

**Attribute:**

PERSON OBSERVATION TEXT STRING

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**DISEASE OUTBREAK NOTIFICATION FOR HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS (SNOMED CT)**

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Change to Data Element: New Data Element

Format/Length: See SNOMED CT CODE

National Codes:

Default Codes:

**Notes:**

DISEASE OUTBREAK NOTIFICATION FOR HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS (SNOMED CT) is the same as attribute CLINICAL TERMINOLOGY CODE.

DISEASE OUTBREAK NOTIFICATION FOR HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS (SNOMED CT) is the SNOMED CT® concept ID describing nationally-notifiable outbreaks of disease.

DISEASE OUTBREAK NOTIFICATION FOR HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS (SNOMED CT) (and the containing record) is subject to personal confidential data cleaning, sensitive and legally restricted code redaction and de-identification before release to analytical output.

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**DISEASE OUTBREAK NOTIFICATION FOR HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS (SNOMED CT)**

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Change to Data Element: New Data Element

**DISEASE OUTBREAK NOTIFICATION FOR HEALTHCARE OPERATIONAL DATA FLOWS (SNOMED CT)**

**Attribute:**

CLINICAL TERMINOLOGY CODE

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**EPISODE NUMBER**

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Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length: max an2

National Codes:

Default Codes:

98 - Not applicable

99 - [EPISODE NUMBER](#) not known

**Notes:**

[EPISODE NUMBER](#) is the same as attribute [ACTIVITY IDENTIFIER](#).

~~[EPISODE NUMBER](#) is used to uniquely identify episodes, and is a sequence number for each [Consultant Episode \(Hospital Provider\)](#) in a [Hospital Provider Spell](#).~~ [EPISODE NUMBER](#) is used to uniquely identify episodes, and is a sequence number for each [Care Professional Admitted Care Episode](#) in a [Hospital Provider Spell](#).

~~The first episode of each new [Care Professional Admitted Care Episode](#) (including re-admitted [PATIENTS](#)) commences at 1.~~ The first episode of each new [Hospital Provider Spell](#) (including re-admitted [PATIENTS](#)) commences at 1.

A known [EPISODE NUMBER](#) can be between 1 to 87.

For other [Health Care Provider](#) episodes, it is a sequence number for a [CONSULTANT/PATIENT](#) combination; or it is a sequence number for each [Sexual Health and HIV Episode](#).

[EPISODE NUMBER](#) is used by the [Secondary Uses Service](#) to derive the [Healthcare Resource Group 4](#). Failure to correctly populate this data element is likely to result in an incorrect [Healthcare Resource Group](#), usually associated with lower levels of healthcare resource.

For further information, please refer to the [NHS England](#) website at: [Payment by Results Guidance](#).

**Notes:**

- The Default Code description for 99 - Not known has been updated. The Data Set specifications that contain this item will be updated in the next version of the Information Standard where it is not already correct.
- Format/Length has been updated in [Data Dictionary Change Notice 1808 "Correction of Format/Length Data Elements"](#). The Data Set specifications that contain this item will be updated in the next version of the Information Standard where it is not already correct.

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**HODF UPDATE TYPE**

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Change to Data Element: New Data Element

Format/Length:	max an12
National Codes:	See <a href="#">HODF UPDATE TYPE</a>
Default Codes:	

**Notes:**

[HODF UPDATE TYPE](#) is the same as attribute [HODF UPDATE TYPE](#).

**This data element is also known by these names:**

Context	Alias
plural	<a href="#">HODF UPDATE TYPES</a>

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**HODF UPDATE TYPE**

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Change to Data Element: New Data Element

## **HODF UPDATE TYPE**

**Attribute:**

<a href="#">HODF UPDATE TYPE</a>
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**INTENDED PRIMARY PROCEDURE (OPCS)**

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Change to Data Element: New Data Element

Format/Length:	See <a href="#">OPCS-4 CODE</a>
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

**Notes:**

[INTENDED PRIMARY PROCEDURE \(OPCS\)](#) is the same as attribute [CLINICAL CLASSIFICATION CODE](#).

[INTENDED PRIMARY PROCEDURE \(OPCS\)](#) is the [OPCS Classification of Interventions and Procedures](#) code which is used to identify the intended primary [Patient Procedure](#) to be carried out.

**This data element is also known by these names:**

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Context	Alias
plural	INTENDED PRIMARY PROCEDURES (OPCS)

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### INTENDED PRIMARY PROCEDURE (OPCS)

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Change to Data Element: New Data Element

### INTENDED PRIMARY PROCEDURE (OPCS)

Attribute:

CLINICAL CLASSIFICATION CODE
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### PATIENT CLASSIFICATION CODE

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Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	an1
National Codes:	See <a href="#">PATIENT CLASSIFICATION</a>
Default Codes:	8 - Not applicable

**Notes:**

[PATIENT CLASSIFICATION CODE](#) is the same as attribute [PATIENT CLASSIFICATION](#).

[PATIENT CLASSIFICATION CODE](#) is derived from the [ADMISSION METHOD](#), [INTENDED MANAGEMENT](#) and the duration of stay of the [PATIENT](#).

The duration of stay is derived by subtracting the date of admission from the date of discharge.

In the case of maternity [PATIENTS](#), the use being made of the [Delivery](#) facilities is also used in this derivation.

[PATIENT CLASSIFICATION CODE](#) is used by the [Secondary Uses Service](#) to derive the [Healthcare Resource Group 4](#). Failure to correctly populate this data element is likely to result in an incorrect [Healthcare Resource Group](#), usually associated with lower levels of healthcare resource.

For the [Healthcare Operational Data Flows Data Set: Acute - Current](#), the [PATIENT CLASSIFICATION CODE](#) will be the most likely for a [PATIENT](#) at discharge based on the progress of the [PATIENT](#)'s treatment.

For further information, please refer to the [NHS England](#) website at: [Payment by Results Guidance](#).

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## PATIENT PATHWAY IDENTIFIER

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Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	an20
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

### Notes:

[PATIENT PATHWAY IDENTIFIER](#) is the same as [PATIENT PATHWAY IDENTIFIER](#).

### ~~Use in Commissioning Data Set version 6-0 onwards~~

If the Commissioning Data Set record relates to a [Referral To Treatment Period Included In Referral To Treatment Consultant-Led Waiting Times Measurement](#), and is of the following Commissioning Data Set Types:

- [CDS V6-2 Type 020 - Outpatient Commissioning Data Set / CDS V6-3 Type 020 - Outpatient Commissioning Data Set](#)
- [CDS V6-2 Type 130 - Admitted Patient Care - Finished General Episode Commissioning Data Set / CDS V6-3 Type 130 - Admitted Patient Care - Finished General Episode Commissioning Data Set](#)
- [CDS V6-2 Type 190 - Admitted Patient Care - Unfinished General Episode Commissioning Data Set / CDS V6-3 Type 190 - Admitted Patient Care - Unfinished General Episode Commissioning Data Set](#)
- [CDS V6-2 Type 030 - Elective Admission List - End of Period Census \(Standard\) Commissioning Data Set](#)
- [CDS V6-2 Type 060 - Elective Admission List - Event During Period \(Add\) Commissioning Data Set](#)
- [CDS V6-2 Type 070 - Elective Admission List - Event During Period \(Remove\) Commissioning Data Set](#)
- [CDS V6-2 Type 080 - Elective Admission List - Event During Period \(Offer\) Commissioning Data Set](#)

then either [UNIQUE BOOKING REFERENCE NUMBER \(CONVERTED\)](#) or [PATIENT PATHWAY IDENTIFIER](#) must be present in the Commissioning Data Set PATIENT PATHWAY Data Group.

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**PLANNED DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)**

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Change to Data Element: New Data Element

Format/Length:	an2
National Codes:	See <u>DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY FOR HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL</u>
Default Codes:	

**Notes:**

PLANNED DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL) is the same as attribute DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY FOR HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL.

PLANNED DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL) is the planned Discharge Pathway sub category for a PATIENT during a Hospital Provider Spell.

**This data element is also known by these names:**

Context	Alias
plural	<u>PLANNED DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORIES (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</u>

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**PLANNED DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)**

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Change to Data Element: New Data Element

**PLANNED DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)**

**Attribute:**

<u>DISCHARGE PATHWAY SUB CATEGORY FOR HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL</u>
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**PLANNED METHOD OF DISCHARGE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)**

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Change to Data Element: New Data Element

Format/Length:	an1
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National Codes:	See <a href="#">METHOD OF DISCHARGE</a>
Default Codes:	8 - Not applicable ( <a href="#">Hospital Provider Spell</a> not finished at episode end (i.e. not discharged) or current episode unfinished) 9 - <a href="#">METHOD OF DISCHARGE</a> not known

**Notes:**

[PLANNED METHOD OF DISCHARGE \(HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL\)](#) is the same as attribute [METHOD OF DISCHARGE](#).

[PLANNED METHOD OF DISCHARGE \(HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL\)](#) is the planned [METHOD OF DISCHARGE](#) from a [Hospital Provider Spell](#) for a [PATIENT](#).

**This data element is also known by these names:**

Context	Alias
plural	<a href="#">PLANNED METHODS OF DISCHARGE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</a>

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**PLANNED METHOD OF DISCHARGE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)**

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Change to Data Element: New Data Element

**PLANNED METHOD OF DISCHARGE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)**

**Attribute:**

<a href="#">METHOD OF DISCHARGE</a>
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**PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS (ICD)**

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Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	See <a href="#">ICD-10 CODE</a>
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

**Notes:**

[PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS \(ICD\)](#) is the same as attribute [CLINICAL CLASSIFICATION CODE](#).

[PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS \(ICD\)](#) is the [International Classification of Diseases \(ICD\)](#) code used to identify the [PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS](#).

[PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS \(ICD\)](#) is used by the [Secondary Uses Service](#) to derive the [Healthcare Resource Group 4](#). Failure to correctly populate this data element is likely to result in an incorrect [Healthcare Resource Group](#), usually associated with lower levels of healthcare resource.

For further information, please refer to the [NHS England](#) website at: [Payment by Results Guidance](#).

For further information on the [Healthcare Operational Data Flows \(Acute\) Data Set](#), see the [FutureNHS website](#).

Note:

- The format/length of this Data Element has been corrected as a result of the work undertaken for the development of the Coding Strategy.
- The data set specifications of the data sets that contain this Data Element will be updated in the next version of the information standard where it is not already correct.

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#### **PRIMARY PROCEDURE (OPCS)**

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Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	See <a href="#">OPCS-4 CODE</a>
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

#### **Notes:**

[PRIMARY PROCEDURE \(OPCS\)](#) is the same as attribute [CLINICAL CLASSIFICATION CODE](#).

[PRIMARY PROCEDURE \(OPCS\)](#) is the [OPCS Classification of Interventions and Procedures](#) code which is used to identify the primary [Patient Procedure](#) carried out.

For the [Healthcare Operational Data Flows Data Set: Acute - Current](#) and [Healthcare Operational Data Flows Data Set: Acute - Discharge](#), [PRIMARY PROCEDURE \(OPCS\)](#) may be for a [Patient Procedure](#) that has been undertaken but might not be the final [PRIMARY PROCEDURE \(OPCS\)](#) in the episode as this may be different on discharge.

For further information on the recording of this item in the [Healthcare Operational Data Flows \(Acute\) Data Set](#), see the [FutureNHS website](#).

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**REASON FOR DISCHARGE DELAY (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)**

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Change to Data Element: New Data Element

Format/Length:	an3
National Codes:	See <a href="#">REASON FOR DISCHARGE DELAY</a>
Default Codes:	

**Notes:**

[REASON FOR DISCHARGE DELAY \(HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL\)](#) is the same as attribute [REASON FOR DISCHARGE DELAY](#) for the [Healthcare Operational Data Flows \(Acute\) Data Set](#).

**This data element is also known by these names:**

Context	Alias
plural	<a href="#">REASONS FOR DISCHARGE DELAY (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</a>

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**REASON FOR DISCHARGE DELAY (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)**

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Change to Data Element: New Data Element

**[REASON FOR DISCHARGE DELAY \(HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL\)](#)**

**Attribute:**

<a href="#">REASON FOR DISCHARGE DELAY</a>
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**SECONDARY DIAGNOSIS (ICD)**

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Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	See <a href="#">ICD-10 CODE</a>
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

**Notes:**

[SECONDARY DIAGNOSIS \(ICD\)](#) is the same as attribute [CLINICAL CLASSIFICATION CODE](#).

[SECONDARY DIAGNOSIS \(ICD\)](#) is the [International Classification of Diseases \(ICD\)](#) code used to identify the secondary [PATIENT DIAGNOSIS](#).

For [Commissioning Data Sets](#) (CDS) purposes it is recommended that multiple Diagnoses are recorded and the CDS XML Schema (CDS Version 6 onwards) has been designed to carry as many Diagnoses as required.

[SECONDARY DIAGNOSIS \(ICD\)](#) is used by the [Secondary Uses Service](#) to derive the [Healthcare Resource Group 4](#). Failure to correctly populate this data element is likely to result in an incorrect [Healthcare Resource Group](#), usually resulting in lower levels of healthcare resource.

For the [Healthcare Operational Data Flows \(Acute\) Data Set](#), [SECONDARY DIAGNOSIS \(ICD\)](#) is the next most relevant [PATIENT DIAGNOSIS](#) for the [PATIENT](#) care.

For further information on the [Healthcare Operational Data Flows \(Acute\) Data Set](#), see the [FutureNHS website](#).

For further information, please refer to the [NHS England](#) website at: [Payment by Results Guidance](#).

Note:

- The format/length of this Data Element has been corrected as a result of the work undertaken for the development of the Coding Strategy.
- The data set specifications of the data sets that contain this Data Element will be updated in the next version of the information standard where it is not already correct.

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**UNIQUE BOOKING REFERENCE NUMBER (CONVERTED)**

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Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	n12
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

**Notes:**

[UNIQUE BOOKING REFERENCE NUMBER \(CONVERTED\)](#) is the same as attribute [UNIQUE BOOKING REFERENCE NUMBER \(CONVERTED\)](#).

**~~Use in Commissioning Data Set version 6-0 onwards~~**

If the Commissioning Data Set record relates to a [Referral To Treatment Period Included In Referral To Treatment Consultant-Led Waiting Times Measurement](#), and is of the following Commissioning Data Set Types:

- [CDS V6-2 Type 020 - Outpatient Commissioning Data Set / CDS V6-3 Type 020 - Outpatient Commissioning Data Set](#)
- [CDS V6-2 Type 130 - Admitted Patient Care - Finished General Episode Commissioning Data Set / CDS V6-3 Type 130 - Admitted Patient Care - Finished General Episode Commissioning Data Set](#)
- [CDS V6-2 Type 190 - Admitted Patient Care - Unfinished General Episode Commissioning Data Set / CDS V6-3 Type 190 - Admitted Patient Care - Unfinished General Episode Commissioning Data Set](#)
- [CDS V6-2 Type 030 - Elective Admission List - End of Period Census \(Standard\) Commissioning Data Set](#)
- [CDS V6-2 Type 060 - Elective Admission List - Event During Period \(Add\) Commissioning Data Set](#)
- [CDS V6-2 Type 070 - Elective Admission List - Event During Period \(Remove\) Commissioning Data Set](#)
- [CDS V6-2 Type 080 - Elective Admission List - Event During Period \(Offer\) Commissioning Data Set](#)

then either [UNIQUE BOOKING REFERENCE NUMBER \(CONVERTED\)](#) or [PATIENT PATHWAY IDENTIFIER](#) must be present in the Commissioning Data Set PATIENT PATHWAY Data Group.

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**WARD CODE**

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Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	max an12
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

**Notes:**

[WARD CODE](#) is the same as attribute [WARD CODE](#).

For Commissioning Data Set version 6.2, [WARD\\_CODE](#) identifies the [WARD](#) where [ACTIVITY](#) during a [Hospital Provider Spell](#) took place. For the Commissioning Data Sets and Healthcare Operational Data Flows (Acute) Data Sets, [WARD\\_CODE](#) identifies the [WARD](#) where [ACTIVITY](#) during a [Hospital Provider Spell](#) took place.

[WARD\\_CODE](#) is an optional item in the Commissioning Data Set version 6.2, and is for local use only. [WARD\\_CODE](#) is an optional item in the Commissioning Data Sets and Healthcare Operational Data Flows (Acute) Data Sets, and is for local use only. However it must NOT contain any text which may identify the [PATIENT DIAGNOSIS](#) of the [PATIENTS](#) using the [WARD](#) (for example, it must not include the acronym 'HIV') or the [Patient Procedure](#) being undertaken (for example using the acronym 'TOP' for terminations of pregnancy). Use of such identifiers contravenes the legal requirements for withholding identifiable information about [PATIENTS](#) with identified conditions. See [Security Issues and Patient Confidentiality](#) for further details.

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**WITHHELD IDENTITY REASON**

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Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	an2
National Codes:	See <a href="#">WITHHELD IDENTITY REASON</a>
Default Codes:	99 - Identity withheld but reason not known

**Notes:**

[WITHHELD IDENTITY REASON](#) is the same as attribute [WITHHELD IDENTITY REASON](#).

For the Commissioning Data Sets, [WITHHELD IDENTITY REASON](#) is used in the Withheld Identity Structure in the [PATIENT](#) Identity data group, for [PATIENT](#) records where the submitter has withheld the [PATIENT](#) identity.

For the Healthcare Operational Data Flows (Acute) Data Sets the [WITHHELD IDENTITY REASON](#) is submitted in [PATIENT](#) records where the submitter has withheld [PATIENT](#)-identifiable data elements within the [PATIENT](#) record.

Further information can be found at [Faster Data Flows \(FDF\) - National Reporting - FutureNHS Collaboration Platform at FutureNHS for You](#).

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