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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	DAPB4094 Amd 12/2023
Name	Healthcare Operational Data Flows: Acute Information Standard
Approval date	23 May 2023
Publication date	18 June 2024
Standard definition	
Description	<p>The NHS faces a number of challenges with regards to managing patient flow and recovering elective waiting lists. Timely data to support these pressures is crucial.</p> <p>The Faster Data Flows Programme (FDF) has been introduced with the primary goal to implement an automated granular daily data collection, to support recovery and with this provide the NHS with a modern data architecture that enables timely, high-quality data to be used to support decision making.</p> <p>The FDF Programme has produced the Healthcare Operational Data Flows (HODF): Acute Data Set which provides the definitions for data to provide an automated patient-based daily data collection. The HODF: Acute Data Set will support NHS delivery plans for the recovery of elective care and emergency and urgent care in relation to recovering NHS waiting lists, care co-ordination, and the improvement of managing patient flows through the health and social care system.</p> <p>Under the Healthcare Operational Data Flows: Acute Information Standard providers are required to set up a daily data flow of patient level data via a secure upload method to the NHS England CSU Regional Processing Centre. This will be processed and pseudonymised to be flown into NHS England's Data Platform.</p>
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	Health Services, NHS Services
Applies to	This Standard applies to all NHS provider trusts and foundation trusts commissioned to provide acute services.
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.

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	<p>This information standard is the subject of Directions under section 254 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/secretary-of-state-directions/healthcare-operational-data-flows-directions-2024</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/healthcare-operational-data-flows-acute</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/dapb4094</p> <p>Further guidance is published by NHS England on FutureNHS: https://future.nhs.uk/connect.ti/OIforC/view?objectId=38648080 (login required)</p>
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Dates	
Implementation date	18 June 2024
Full conformance date	18 October 2024
Post Implementation Review date	18 October 2025

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