

Data Coordination Board

Information Standards Notice – New

Acting under delegated authority from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, the Data Coordination Board (DCB) 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	
DCB unique identifier	DCB2050 Amd 12/2017
Name	Aggregate Contract Monitoring
Approval date	26 March 2019
Publication date	29 April 2019
Standard definition	
Description	<p>The Aggregate Contract Monitoring (ACM) information standard is one of a set of standards being introduced by NHS England, initially on a voluntary basis, to enable national consistency of the flow of cost and activity information from providers to commissioners. The others are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCB3003 Patient Level Contract Monitoring • DCB3002 Devices Patient Level Contract Monitoring • DCB2212 Drugs Patient Level Contract Monitoring. <p>Having national standards to support contract monitoring will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduce burden • allow simpler and more consistent reporting • allow easier reconciliation and validation of invoices • provide support for service change planning and hospital capacity analysis • improve forecasting • allow greater monitoring of equity of access to services. <p>This specific ACM standard will enable the interchange, in a uniform format, of monthly aggregate contract monitoring data between commissioners and providers of healthcare.</p> <p>Data is required to be submitted to NHS Digital on a monthly basis. In the long term, the developers will work with NHS Digital to enhance the Commissioning Data Sets to hold this information, thereby removing the need for separate flows.</p>
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services
Applies to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All commissioners of NHS-funded services • All NHS and independent sector healthcare providers of acute services, operating under the full-length version of the NHS Standard Contract • All NHS and independent sector healthcare providers of mental health services, operating under the full-length version of the NHS Standard Contract

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All NHS and independent sector healthcare providers of community services, operating under the full-length version of the NHS Standard Contract All NHS providers of ambulance services, operating under the full-length version of the NHS Standard Contract All NHS and independent sector healthcare providers commissioned to provide services of any type, operating under the shorter-form version of the NHS Standard Contract.
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>The data collection is the subject of Directions under section 254 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, from NHS England to NHS Digital: The Directions are published on the NHS Digital website: https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/nhs-england-directions/establishment-of-information-systems-for-nhs-services-data-services-for-commissioners-directions-2015</p> <p>NHS Digital 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 Digital website: https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/data-provision-notice-dpns</p>
Link to further documentation	<p>The Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS Digital website: www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/contract-monitoring</p> <p>Further guidance is published by NHS England: https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-standard-contract/dc-reporting/</p>
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Dates	
Implementation and conformance dates	Implementation of this standard is initially on a voluntary basis, enabling those providers ready to move to the new approach to do so during 2019-20. A future ISN will set out the approach for 2020-21 and subsequent financial years.
Post Implementation Review date	31 May 2020

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