

Data Coordination Board

Information Standards Notice – Change

Acting under delegated authority from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, the Data Coordination Board (DCB) has approved a change to an existing information standard for publication under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

You must comply with the change to this standard by the full conformance date specified below.

Standard details	
DCB unique identifier	DCB2050 Amd 73/2020
Name	Aggregate Contract Monitoring, Version 2.0
Approval date	25 March 2021
Publication date	8 April 2021
Standard definition	
Description	<p>The Aggregate Contract Monitoring (ACM) information standard is one of a set of standards being introduced by NHS England and NHS Improvement 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.</p>
About this change	<p>The changes introduced in this release are designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• remove the number of very general purpose (VGP) data elements, to improve information governance and data quality• improve consistency across the other contract monitoring data sets• include recent changes made to the NHS Data Model and Dictionary. <p>In addition, this information standard is now made mandatory for:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHS or Independent Sector providers commissioned to provide acute services under the full-length version of the NHS Standard Contract NHS or Independent Sector providers commissioned to provide mental health services under the full-length version of the NHS Standard Contract. <p>The standard remains voluntary for other providers; full details are in the Change Specification.</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, operating under all versions of the NHS Standard Contract all NHS providers of ambulance services, operating under the full-length 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 has issued a section 259 notification, under the Act, to notify providers of the requirement to supply data. This is 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/data-services-for-commissioners</p>
Link to further documentation	<p>The Change Specification, 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 and NHS Improvement: https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-standard-contract/dc-reporting/</p>
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Dates	
Implementation and conformance dates	Providers must be able to collect data to the updated standard from 1 September 2021. Submission remains on a monthly basis, so the reporting of September activity will take place in October 2021.
Post Implementation Review date	30 September 2022

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