

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	DCB3003 Amd 65/2019
Name	Patient Level Contract Monitoring, Version 1.1
Approval date	3 December 2019
Publication date	5 December 2019
Standard definition	
Description	<p>The Patient Level Contract Monitoring (PLCM) information standard is one of a set of standards being introduced by NHS England and NHS Improvement, 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"> • DCB2050 Aggregate 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>The PLCM standard supports the Aggregate Contract Monitoring (ACM) standard, by providing the patient level detail to the aggregate information contained within the ACM. It also contains details about patient level clinical activities that are not found in the current Commissioning Data Set (CDS) flows.</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>
About this change	<p>This is a minor change to one data item – ACTIVITY COUNT (POINT OF DELIVERY) – to change the format from maxn10 to maxn10.maxn3.</p> <p>This is to allow the recording of non-integer values, for example where providers are using 0.833 to report one month in a single year of care.</p>

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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 • 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 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 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	<p>Due to the minor nature of this change, this Notice does not extend the previous implementation dates and providers should adopt the change to the data item as soon as possible.</p> <p>Note that following consultation undertaken by the developers it has been decided to extend the voluntary status of this standard (as well as the others in the set). This pause will allow concerns raised to be addressed, with a view to determining an agreed date for making the standards mandatory.</p>
Post Implementation Review date	31 May 2020

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