

Information Standards Notice – Change

Acting under delegated authority from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, the Data Alliance Partnership Board (DAPB) 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	
DAPB unique identifier	DAPB0011 Amd 37/2022
Name	Mental Health Services Data Set v6.0
Approval date	21 June 2023
Publication date	6 July 2023
Standard definition	
Description	<p>The Mental Health Services Data Set (MHSDS) is a patient level, output based, secondary uses data set which aims to deliver robust, comprehensive, nationally consistent and comparable person-based information for all patients who are in contact with Mental Health Services</p> <p>It covers services located in England or located outside England but treating patients commissioned by an English Integrated Care Board (ICB) or NHS England specialised commissioner, or an NHS-led Provider Collaborative.</p> <p>As a secondary uses data set it re-uses clinical and operational data for purposes other than direct patient care, for example: commissioning, service improvement and service design. It defines the data items, definitions and associated value sets extracted or derived from local information systems</p>
About this change	<p>The proposed updates to MHSDS will ensure the collection remains up to date with current policy and continues to support the NHS Long Term Plan.</p> <p>The changes also focus on the following key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reducing burden on providers wherever possible by identifying tables and data items for removal • reducing burden through limiting duplication of data collection with other national data sets (such as with the Assuring Transformation (AT) standard, which has various similarities with MHSDS) • support for improved data completeness and quality through aligning the data set with evolving models for delivery of care: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ making sure the data set contains the relevant codes to more accurately reflect service provision to support programmes such as Learning Disability and Autism

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ reflecting Delayed Transfers of Care data in line with the latest policy reviews ○ further development of the MHSDS model to make it easier to flow data, such as for the Restrictive Interventions table ○ responding to feedback from data submitters to address known issues or enhance existing items to ensure local data can be submitted accurately ● to allow the data set to respond to and support new national reporting requirements, eg. the Independent Review of the Mental Health Act 1983 recommendations
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	Health Services, NHS Services, Adult Social Care
Applies to	<p>All organisations where there is direct provision of specialist secondary mental health, learning disabilities, or autism services, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NHS Mental Health Trusts ● NHS Acute Trusts ● NHS Community Trusts ● Independent and voluntary sector healthcare providers and any other qualified providers offering a service model that includes NHS funded and non-NHS funded patients
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, published on the NHS England website: https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/nhs-england-directions/mental-health-services-directions-2020</p> <p>NHS England will be issuing an updated 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/mental-health-services-data-set-data-provision-notice</p>
Link to further documentation	<p>The Change Specification, Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS England website:</p> <p>www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dapb0011</p>

	Further guidance is published by NHS England: https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-sets/mental-health-services-data-set
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Dates	
Implementation date	From 1 April 2024 providers of mental health, learning disabilities and autism services as defined in this Information Standard MUST be able to collect the information as defined in the Technical Output Specification for local use. From 1 May 2024 providers of NHS funded mental health, learning disabilities and autism services MUST begin submitting MHSDS submissions in accordance with this standard.
Full conformance date	31 May 2024
Post Implementation Review date	30 June 2025

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