

Information Standards Notice – Change

Acting on behalf of the Data Alliance Partnership Board (DAPB) which holds delegated authority from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, the Data Alliance Partnership Sub Board (DAPSB) 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 | |
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| DAPB unique identifier | DAPB0111 Amd 84/2020 |
| Name | Radiotherapy Data Set, Version 6.0 |
| Approval date | 7 July 2021 |
| Publication date | 20 July 2021 |
| Standard definition | |
| Description | <p>The purpose of the Radiotherapy Data Set is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • collect consistent and comparable data across all NHS acute trust providers of radiotherapy services and all private facilities where delivery is funded by the NHS • provide nationally comparable data to inform the planning, provision and commissioning of radiotherapy services across the NHS. <p>It has been a mandatory standard since April 2009 and collects information for every patient receiving treatment of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • external beam radiotherapy (teletherapy) • brachytherapy • proton therapy • radioisotope therapy (including radioiodine) • molecular radiotherapy. <p>Providers of radiotherapy services to the NHS are required to provide a monthly return to Public Health England on all activity.</p> |
| About this change | <p>The changes introduced by this release include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the ability to structure the data into pathways, including specific sections for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ an episode ○ a prescription ○ a plan |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ an exposure ○ an attendance ● the addition of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SNOMED CT ○ unique radiotherapy coding ○ the measurement type to support the prescribed and the actual absorbed radiation dose ● improved recording in respect of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ proton therapy ○ clinical trials that have a component of radiotherapy delivery included ○ treatment intent ○ route of admission ○ radiotherapy treatment type ○ specialist radiotherapy treatments ● a new way of recording consultant information ● the removal of the intention to change to xml submission ● the addition of choices for linkage and radioisotope. <p>Other data items have been given better descriptions, amended formats or updated attributes to help improve both the data quality, ascertainment and linkage of data through the data set.</p> |
| Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012) | NHS Services |
| Applies to | <p>This information standard applies to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NHS acute providers of radiotherapy services and all other providers of NHS commissioned radiotherapy services ● organisations purchasing radiotherapy linear accelerator radiotherapy machines (LINAC) for use in NHS commissioned cancer centres and NHS acute providers of radiotherapy services. |
| Impacts upon | <p>Implementation of this information standard impacts all developers and suppliers of health IT systems for use within NHS acute providers of radiotherapy services. Suppliers should work with their customers to determine necessary changes.</p> |
| Legal authority | <p>This information standard is published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.</p> |

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| | It is noted that Public Health England has legal authority to collect patient identifiable data under Regulation 2 of the Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002. This has been confirmed by the Confidentiality Advisory Group (CAG reference: PIAG 3(a)/2001 - National Cancer Registration and Analysis Service (NCRAS)). |
| Link to further documentation | The Change Request, Specification and Implementation Guide are available on the NHS Digital website: www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dapb0111 Further guidance is published by Public Health England: http://www.ncin.org.uk/collecting_and_using_data/rtds |
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| Dates | |
| Implementation and conformance dates | Implementation will be between 20 July 2021 and 31 March 2022. Data collection starts on 1 April 2022, with all data providers making full submissions of Version 6.0 data by 1 July 2022. |
| Full conformance date | 1 July 2022 |
| Post Implementation Review date | 31 March 2023 |

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