

# 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 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	DCB0011 Amd 29/2020
Name	Mental Health Services Data Set, Version 5.0
Approval date	25 March 2021
Publication date	8 April 2021
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 children, young people and adults who are in contact with services for mental health and wellbeing, learning disability, autism or other neurodevelopmental conditions. It covers services located in England or located outside England but treating patients commissioned by an English Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) 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 changes included in this release relate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Amendments and additions to Transforming Care data requirements, specialised mental health (SMH) commissioning data fields and data fields relating to access to specialist community perinatal mental health services</li><li>• Removal of data items that are no longer required for reporting in the MHSDS</li><li>• Amendments to support reporting in line with the Mental Health Units (Use of Force) Act 2018, and recommendations from the Independent Review of the Mental Health Act 1983</li><li>• Improvements to Protected Characteristic data items</li><li>• Updates in line with new and evolving models of care, such as community crisis and internet enabled therapy</li></ul>

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	<p>services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarification of the data set scope to ensure consistent inclusion criteria are applied across services</li> <li>• Minor maintenance changes to respond to issues raised by, for example, the NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service.</li> </ul>
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services
Applies to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NHS Mental Health Trusts</li> <li>• NHS Acute Trusts<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• NHS Community Health Trusts<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Independent and voluntary sector healthcare providers and any other qualified providers offering a service model that includes NHS funded and non-NHS funded patients<sup>1</sup>.</li> </ul>
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, published on the NHS Digital website: <a href="https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/nhs-england-directions/mental-health-services-directions-2020">https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/nhs-england-directions/mental-health-services-directions-2020</a></p> <p>NHS Digital 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 Digital website: <a href="https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/dpns/mental-health-services-data-set-data-provision-notice">https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/dpns/mental-health-services-data-set-data-provision-notice</a></p>
Link to further documentation	<p>The Change Specification, Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS Digital website:</p> <p><a href="https://www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dcb0011">https://www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dcb0011</a></p>

<sup>1</sup> Where there is direct provision of specialist secondary mental health, learning disabilities, or autism services.

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	Further guidance is published by NHS Digital: <a href="https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-sets/mental-health-services-data-set">https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-sets/mental-health-services-data-set</a>
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<b>Dates</b>	
Implementation date	From 1 October 2021 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 November 2021 providers of NHS funded mental health, learning disabilities and autism services MUST begin submitting MHSDS submissions in accordance with this standard.
Full conformance date	20 November 2021
Post Implementation Review date	31 December 2022

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