

Corrigendum

Standard	DCB0028 Treatment Function and Main Specialty Standard
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Background

The latest release of the Treatment Function and Main Specialty Standard, to be implemented by 1 April 2021, was [published on 2 April 2020](#).

Since then, in consultation with end users, the need for minor changes and clarification has been identified. A summary is provided below.

Note that the following documents have been [updated and published](#) alongside this corrigendum:

- Change Specification
- Code List Specification (in respect of item 3 below)
- NHS Data Model and Dictionary Change Request.

1. Changes to dental Treatment Function Codes

Following publication, feedback has been received from the Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) team at NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSEI), as well as the British Association of Oral Surgeons (BAOS), about the Treatment Function Codes (TFCs) that represent dental services.

Version 2.0 of the standard introduced a new TFC representing Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Service (145). The descriptions of existing TFCs for Oral Surgery Service (140) and Maxillofacial Surgery Service (144) were also updated to state that the new combined code should be used in preference to these existing codes.

NHSEI and BAOS have suggested that this is an unhelpful change at this time for commissioning, waiting list management, service improvement and planning, as TFC 140 is required for waiting time calculation. In addition, key policy areas require the ability to distinguish services that may also provide oral surgery in primary care settings (general dental practice), which the combined code would make more difficult. It has also been agreed to slightly alter the definition for TFC 217 Paediatric Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Service to match the other changes.

Minor changes have therefore been made to the following dental TFCs:

TFC	TFC name	Current description	New description
140	Oral Surgery Service	Retained for existing SERVICES but professional recommendation is to use Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Service - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 145.	SERVICES for the diagnosis and surgical treatment of diseases, injuries and defects of hard and soft tissues of the mouth. Excludes departments delivering a service where oral surgery and maxillofacial services are mixed (i.e. an outpatient clinic accepting oral surgery and maxillofacial surgery patients) – see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 145.
144	Maxillofacial Surgery Service	Retained for existing SERVICES but professional recommendation is to use Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Service - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 145.	Professional recommendation is to use Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Service where this service is combined with oral surgery - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 145. Alternatively, for oral surgery services only see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 140. This code has been retained for existing SERVICES which only provide maxillofacial surgery.
145	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Service	SERVICES for the diagnosis, management and treatment of diseases affecting the mouth, jaws, face and neck. Formerly categorised as TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 140 (Oral Surgery) and TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 144 (Maxillofacial Surgery); however, professional recommendation is to use this TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE.	Combined services providing diagnosis and surgical treatment of diseases, injuries and defects involving hard and soft tissues of the mouth, jaws, and neck. These services may have formerly been categorised as TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 140 (Oral Surgery) or TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 144 (Maxillofacial Surgery).
217	Paediatric Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Service	Dedicated children's SERVICES for the diagnosis, management and treatment of diseases affecting the mouth, jaws, face and neck.	Dedicated children's SERVICES providing diagnosis and surgical treatment of diseases, injuries and defects involving hard and soft tissues of the mouth, jaws, and neck. Excludes Paediatric Dentistry Services - see TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE 142.

A full review of the dental codes will be carried out ahead of the next update to the Information Standard (expected in 2022 for implementation in 2023).

2. Changes to Intellectual Disability TFC and Main Specialty Code

Version 2.0 of the standard amended the names of:

- TFC 700 from 'Learning Disability' to 'Intellectual Disability Service'
- Main Specialty Code 700 from 'Learning Disability' to 'Intellectual Disability'.

This change was in line with the Royal College of Psychiatrists' reference to the Faculty of the Psychiatry of Intellectual Disability and made in anticipation of the wider adoption of the internationally used term of 'intellectual disability'.

However, subsequent feedback has indicated that the names should revert for the following reasons:

- The international use of intellectual disability is not yet fully adopted in the UK; indeed, Dr Roger Banks (National Clinical Director for Learning Disability and Autism) has confirmed that, in the context of policies for health and social care, Learning Disability is the preferred term.
- A significant number of health and care services continue to be referred to as learning disability services.
- Other information standards continue to refer to 'learning disability', such as [DCB2090-2171 GPES: Learning Disabilities Data](#).
- The [Health Care and Associated Professions statutory instrument](#), which lists recognised specialties, refers to "Psychiatry of learning disability".

This reversion to 'Learning Disability' will be reviewed in a future release.

3. Changes to the SNOMED CT codes within the Code List Specification, and a change to where these codes are listed

The Code List Specification includes SNOMED CT codes that are equivalent to the listed TFCs and Main Specialty Codes. These are included to assist system suppliers in locating equivalent codes for system metadata purposes.

Changes to the SNOMED CT codes are needed within the Code List Specification to reflect newly authored and mapped SNOMED CT codes that have been created or mapped since the publication of the standard in April 2020.

The mapped SNOMED CT codes will be removed from the version of the Code List Specification and will instead be included in an updated Code List Specification held on the separate [Treatment Function Codes webpage on the NHS Digital website](#).

This will allow future changes to be made to any SNOMED CT mappings in line with new SNOMED CT releases, which are now being released every 4 to 8 weeks.

Contact details

Any questions about these changes should be sent to the developers of the Treatment Function and Main Specialty Standard at NHS Digital: enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk (quote 'Treatment Function and Main Specialty Standard' in subject line).