

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	DCB0089 Amd 60/2019
Name	Cover of Vaccination Evaluated Rapidly (COVER), Version 2.2
Approval date	24 January 2020
Publication date	6 February 2020
Standard definition	
Description	<p>This standard defines what information needs to be extracted from Child Health Information Systems (CHIS) to comply with the reporting requirements of the COVER (Cover of Vaccination Evaluated Rapidly) programme.</p> <p>COVER measures vaccine coverage for each vaccine included in the routine childhood immunisation programme in England for children aged one, two and five years of age.</p> <p>Vaccine coverage data is extracted quarterly and annually from local CHIS which have been commissioned by NHS England and NHS Improvement and data is submitted to the NHS Digital Strategic Data Collection Service (SDCS).</p> <p>Local Authority (LA) coverage data is published as official statistics quarterly, by Public Health England (PHE), and as national statistics annually by PHE and NHS Digital jointly.</p> <p>General Practice (GP) level data is published quarterly and annually by PHE for local performance management purposes.</p>
About this change	<p>This release introduces a change to the capture of data for pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) for infants born from 1 January 2020, in line with changes to the routine immunisation schedule.</p> <p>A single priming dose of the PCV vaccine is now administered at 12 weeks and a booster dose at 12 months (1+1 schedule). This is a change to the previous schedule of two priming doses given at 8 and 16 weeks, with a booster at 12-13 months (2+1 schedule).</p> <p>One new field (PNEUMOCOCCAL (primary first dose)) has been added to the data set to capture the number of children who have received a primary dose of the PCV vaccine by their first birthday (PCV1).</p> <p>For children who were eligible for two primary doses under the previous schedule (those born before 1 January 2020), each dose will still be reported separately (PCV1 and PCV2).</p>
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	Health Services, NHS Services
Applies to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All care providers operating Child Health Information Systems

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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 requirements for COVER are defined within the public health national service specification for CHIS published by NHS England. This specification forms part of the agreement between the Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England under section 7A of the National Health Service Act 2006.</p> <p>The data collection is the subject of Directions under section 254 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, from Public Health England to NHS Digital, published on the NHS Digital website: https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/public-health-england-directions</p>
Link to further documentation	<p>The Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS Digital website: http://digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dcb0089</p> <p>Further guidance is published by Public Health England: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/vaccine-uptake#cover-of-vaccination-evaluated-rapidly-programme</p>
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Dates	
Implementation and conformance dates	Organisations may start using this standard with immediate effect but must be fully compliant by 1 July 2020.
Post Implementation Review date	1 July 2021

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