

## 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       |   |
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| DAPB unique identifier | DAPB0089 Amd 80/2021  |
| Name                   | Cover of Vaccination Evaluated Rapidly (COVER), Version 2.3   |
| Approval date          | 21 December 2021  |
| Publication date       | 6 January 2022  |
| 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 3 months (BCG only), and 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 the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), and as national statistics annually by UKHSA and NHS Digital jointly. General Practice (GP) level data is published quarterly and annually by UKHSA for local performance management purposes.</p> <p>Previous versions of the COVER information standard were owned and maintained by Public Health England. From October 2021, the UKHSA adopted the health protection responsibilities of PHE as that organisation ceased to exist. UKHSA is an executive agency of the Department of Health and Social Care and is responsible for planning, preventing and responding to external health threats, and providing intellectual, scientific and operational leadership at national and local level.</p> |
| About this change      | <p>This release introduces several changes in in line with amendments to <a href="#">the routine immunisation schedule</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>addition of three new fields to capture data for Bacillus Calmette-Guérin (BCG) vaccinations, including new</li> </ul>   |

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|   | <p>data items for the number of BCG vaccinations at 3 months of age and the number of BCG-eligible babies at 3 and 12 months of age</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>removal of 3 fields that are now redundant after the completed transition to new regimes.</li> </ul>   |
| Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012) | Health Services, NHS Services   |
| Applies to                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All care providers operating Child Health Information Systems</li> <li>NHS England and NHS Improvement Local Teams</li> <li>NHS Digital.</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 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 existing COVER data collection is the subject of Directions under section 254 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Care to NHS Digital, which are published on the NHS Digital website: <a href="https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/public-health-england-directions/cover-of-vaccination-evaluated-rapidly-cover-direction-2019">https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/public-health-england-directions/cover-of-vaccination-evaluated-rapidly-cover-direction-2019</a></p> <p>Due to the closure of PHE and transition of public health responsibilities to UKHSA, the data collection will be the subject of new Directions under section 254 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, from or on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Care to NHS Digital, which 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">https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice</a></p> <p>NHS Digital will be issuing a 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/data-provision-notice-dpns">https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/data-provision-notice-dpns</a></p> |

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| Link to further documentation   | The Change Specification, Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS Digital website: <a href="http://www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dapb0089">www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dapb0089</a><br><br>Further guidance is published by UKHSA: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/vaccine-uptake">https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/vaccine-uptake</a> |
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| <b>Dates</b>                    |  |
| Implementation date             | 6 January 2022   |
| Full conformance date           | 6 July 2022  |
| Post Implementation Review date | 1 July 2023  |

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