

# 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	DCB0095 Amd 2/2020
Name	Consultant-led Referral to Treatment (RTT) waiting times, Version 2.0
Approval date	10 March 2021
Publication date	11 March 2021
Standard definition	
Description	<p>In England, <a href="#">under the NHS Constitution</a>, patients have ‘<i>the right to access certain services commissioned by NHS bodies within maximum waiting times</i>’.</p> <p>This information standard outlines the specification and requirements for an aggregate monthly data collection to monitor waiting times performance against the standards set out in the <a href="#">National Health Service Commissioning Board and Clinical Commissioning Groups (Responsibilities and Standing Rules) Regulations 2012</a>, and the 2015 amendment.</p> <p>Data are submitted to NHS England and NHS Improvement via NHS Digital’s Strategic Data Collection Service (SDCS) and form the basis of <a href="#">National Statistics for Consultant-led Referral to Treatment Waiting Times</a> published by NHS England and NHS Improvement.</p>
About this change	<p>Changes in this release are designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• collect more detailed information on incomplete pathways of over 52 weeks in length</li><li>• separate the existing ‘Other’ treatment function category into subcategories (medical/surgical/mental health/paediatric/other).</li></ul>
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services
Applies to	All Trusts and independent sector providers which provide NHS-funded consultant-led elective care.
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	This information standard is published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

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	<p>The data collection is the subject of a direction under section 254 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, from the Department of Health and Social Care to NHS Digital. This direction is published on the NHS Digital website: <a href="https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/secretary-of-state-directions/the-migration-and-continued-operation-of-the-unify2-collections-through-the-strategic-data-collections-service-direction-2017">https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/secretary-of-state-directions/the-migration-and-continued-operation-of-the-unify2-collections-through-the-strategic-data-collections-service-direction-2017</a></p> <p>The data collection is the subject of a section 259 notification, under the Act, to notify providers of the requirement to supply data, 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/referral-to-treatment-rtt-18-weeks-rtt-waiting-times-data-provision-notice">https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/data-provision-notice-dpns/referral-to-treatment-rtt-18-weeks-rtt-waiting-times-data-provision-notice</a></p>
Link to further documentation	<p>The Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance document is available on the NHS Digital website: <a href="http://www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dcb0095">www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dcb0095</a></p> <p>Further guidance is published by NHS England and NHS Improvement: <a href="https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/rtt-waiting-times/rtt-guidance/">https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/rtt-waiting-times/rtt-guidance/</a></p>
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<b>Dates</b>	
Implementation date	11 March 2021
Full conformance date	1 April 2021
Post Implementation Review date	30 April 2022

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