

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	DCB0107 Amd 38/2019
Name	National Drug and Alcohol Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS), Core dataset P
Approval date	27 September 2019
Publication date	4 October 2019
Standard definition	
Description	<p>The National Drug and Alcohol Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) collects person level, patient identifiable data from drug and alcohol treatment providers at a national level.</p> <p>NDTMS comprises the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community adult drug and alcohol misuse treatment providers dataset (AD) (128 data items)• Community young people’s drug and alcohol misuse treatment providers dataset (YP) (132 data items)• Secure settings adult and young people’s drug and alcohol datasets (SA and SY) (135 data items). <p>Data is submitted on a monthly basis by providers of these services to Public Health England (PHE) using the NDTMS V2 portal for the purpose of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• monitoring the effectiveness of drug and alcohol treatment services• supporting the improvement of outcomes for service users• planning and developing services that best meet local needs.
About this change	<p>The changes in this release are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Addition of 65 data items and removal of 40 existing data items, to align current business needs and clinical practice and to support data quality

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some re-alignment across the four datasets (AD, YP, SA and SY), to ensure consistent data collection between the community and secure setting datasets • A new process to streamline reporting, merging the Treatment Outcome Profile (TOP), Sub Intervention Review (SIR) and Client Information Review (CIR) sections of data items, in order to reduce burden on data providers.
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	Health Services, NHS Services
Applies to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All drug and alcohol treatment providers delivering structured treatment to adults and young people in both community and secure settings.
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>Public Health England has a legal basis to collect the data through the NDTMS under General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) Article 6(1)(e) and Article 9(2)(i).</p> <p>Service users can consent or withdraw their consent to contribute some of their treatment information to NDTMS as per requirements of the common-law duty of confidentiality and Article 8(1) of the Human Rights Act 1998.</p>
Link to further documentation	<p>The Change Specification, Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS Digital website: www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dcb0107</p> <p>Further guidance is published by Public Health England: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/alcohol-and-drug-misuse-treatment-core-dataset-collection-guidance</p>
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Dates	
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Post Implementation Review date	1 April 2021

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