

# 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	DCB0139 Amd 21/2017
Name	GUMCAD STI Surveillance System
Approval date	29 May 2018
Publication date	25 June 2018
Standard definition	
Description	<p>The GUMCAD STI Surveillance System is the new name for the Genitourinary Medicine Clinic Activity Dataset (GUMCAD).</p> <p>It is a mandatory reporting system providing data on sexual health services and Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) diagnoses, from all commissioned Level 3 and Level 2 sexual health services in England. It is an electronic, pseudo-anonymised patient-level dataset reported by over 500 services.</p> <p>GUMCAD data are primarily collected to monitor trends in STI diagnoses, to identify inequalities in sexual health, and to measure the success or impact of service delivery.</p> <p>Public Health England (PHE) co-ordinates and manages this quarterly data collection, processing, storage and analysis on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). Data are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• reported quarterly to service providers and local authority commissioners</li><li>• used for the chlamydia detection rate (1 of only 3 sexual health indicators on DHSC's Public Health Outcomes Framework)</li><li>• published annually as official statistics.</li></ul>
About this change	<p>This release builds on the establishment of GUMCADv2, which was a major improvement in the national surveillance of STIs and is now an internationally unique dataset used to inform sexual health policy decisions and evaluate interventions. The new version of the dataset should be referred to as the GUMCAD STI Surveillance System.</p> <p>The change introduces data items to capture critical sexual health information, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• condom use</li><li>• recreational and sexualised drug use</li><li>• usage of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>outcomes of partner notification.</li> </ul> <p>Following a successful pilot, the changes are now ready to be rolled out nationally. In addition, the dataset has been updated to allow the use of SNOMED CT.</p>
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	Health Services
Applies to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Authority commissioned providers of level 3* sexual health services (GUM and integrated GUM/Sexual and Reproductive Health Services)</li> <li>Local Authority commissioned providers of level 2* sexual health services including: enhanced general practices; SRH services; voluntary young people's clinics; community hospitals and outreach clinics.</li> </ul> <p>* Further details on the levels of STI management are provided in the BASHH/MEDFASH Standards for the Management of STIs (Appendix B): <a href="http://www.medfash.org.uk/uploads/files/p18dtqli8116261rv19i61rh9n2k4.pdf">http://www.medfash.org.uk/uploads/files/p18dtqli8116261rv19i61rh9n2k4.pdf</a></p>
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 the statutory power to collect the data under regulation 3 of the Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002.</p>
Link to further documentation	<p>The Change Specification, Requirement Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS Digital website: <a href="http://www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dcb0139">www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dcb0139</a></p> <p>Further guidance is published by Public Health England: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/genitourinary-medicine-clinic-activity-dataset-gumcadv2">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/genitourinary-medicine-clinic-activity-dataset-gumcadv2</a></p>
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Full conformance date	1 April 2019
Post Implementation Review date	1 April 2020

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