

# Data Coordination Board

## Information Standards Notice – Change

Acting under delegated authority from the Secretary of State for Health, 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	DCB0147 Amd 16/2019
Name	National Cancer Waiting Times Monitoring Data Set, Version 2.1
Approval date	20 March 2020
Publication date	2 April 2020
Standard definition	
Description	<p>The National Cancer Waiting Times Monitoring Data Set collects data which is used to monitor NHS providers' compliance with the government's operational standards for ensuring that cancer services are delivered to patients in a timely manner. In particular the data is used to help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• monitor timed pathways of care for cancer patients</li><li>• manage pathways of care for cancer patients</li><li>• performance manage elective services for cancer patients</li><li>• report against the requirements of the NHS Operating Framework for cancer waiting times</li><li>• support the right to access cancer services within the NHS Constitution</li><li>• produce national, official and local statistics for cancer patients</li><li>• support investment planning for cancer services.</li></ul> <p>The National Cancer Waiting Times Monitoring Data Set is managed by NHS Digital, on behalf of NHS England and NHS Improvement.</p>
About this change	<p>This release includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• changes to data items to better monitor compliance with the Faster Diagnosis Standard</li><li>• changes to data items to enable more granularity in the recording of cancer transformation and cancer progression</li><li>• validation changes to a number of data items</li><li>• changes to align with the NHS Data Model and Dictionary</li><li>• new data items<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ CANCER DIAGNOSTIC REFERRAL ROUTE</li><li>○ PROSTATE CANCER CLINICAL RISK CATEGORY</li><li>○ RAPID DIAGNOSTIC CENTRE PATHWAY COMPLIANCE INDICATOR.</li></ul></li></ul>
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services

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Applies to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All NHS Providers delivering cancer outpatient, cancer screening or cancer treatment services</li> <li>Contracted independent sector providers.</li> </ul>
Impacts upon	<p>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.</p> <p>Clinical Commissioning Groups and Cancer Alliances will have to update working practices which monitor and manage timed pathways of care for cancer patients locally and regionally.</p>
Legal authority	<p>This information standard is published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.</p> <p>The data collection is the subject of a direction under section 254 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, from NHS England to NHS Digital. An updated direction covering this release 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/nhs-england-directions">https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/nhs-england-directions</a></p> <p>NHS Digital will be issuing an updated 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/data-provision-notice">https://digital.nhs.uk/data-provision-notice</a></p>
Link to further documentation	<p>The Change Specification, Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS Digital website: <a href="http://www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dcb0147">www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dcb0147</a></p> <p>Further guidance is published by NHS Digital: <a href="https://digital.nhs.uk/cancer-waiting-times">https://digital.nhs.uk/cancer-waiting-times</a></p>
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Help Desk	<p>To raise an issue with the Cancer Waiting Times System contact the National Service Desk at NHS Digital: Email: <a href="mailto:ssd.nationalservicedesk@nhs.net">ssd.nationalservicedesk@nhs.net</a> Phone: 0300 303 5035</p> <p>To raise an issue regarding policy, procedure or national statistics contact the Cancer Waiting Times team at NHS England and NHS Improvement: Email <a href="mailto:england.cancerwaitsdata@nhs.net">england.cancerwaitsdata@nhs.net</a>.</p>
<b>Dates</b>	
Implementation and	The Implementation period commences on publication of this

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conformance dates	Information Standards Notice (2 April 2020). Providers must record data on activity that occurs on/after 1 July 2020 and submit July reporting activity between 3 August and 2 September 2020. Full conformance is expected with submission of the October 2020 reporting activity between 3 November and 2 December 2020.
Post Implementation Review date	31 October 2021

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