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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 89/2016
Name	National Cancer Waiting Times Monitoring Data Set, Version 2.0
Approval date	14 September 2017
Publication date	5 October 2017
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"> • monitor timed pathways of care for cancer patients • manage pathways of care for cancer patients • performance manage elective services for cancer patients • report against the requirements of the NHS Operating Framework for cancer waiting times • support the right to access cancer services within the NHS Constitution • produce national, official and local statistics for cancer patients • support investment planning for cancer services. <p>The National Cancer Waiting Times Monitoring Data Set is managed by NHS Digital, on behalf of NHS England.</p>
About this change	<p>This release includes three main elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • new data items to monitor compliance with a new policy (Faster Diagnosis Standard) that patients should receive a diagnosis or ruling out of cancer within 28 days of an initial GP referral for suspicion of cancer, referral for breast symptoms where cancer is not initially suspected, or a screening referral • new data items to enable the implementation of updated breach allocation methodology, resulting in one single national approach to breach allocation and removing the need for local implementation of the policy published in 2016 • Introduction of a replacement system which will include new or enhanced features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ tighter data validations to improve the quality of the data ○ tighter information governance and enhanced role-based access around who can see and change which records ○ compliance with patient opt-out policies (following on from "Type 2 Objections" which could not be implemented in the existing system) ○ submitter dashboards that will provide 'right time'

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	<p>information on a Provider's submissions, for example, counts of records with outstanding issues or missing data items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ notifications and alerts when a Provider's record is updated by another user to allow proactive management of shared care records ○ flexible user driven analytics tool that will allow users to construct and save their own queries.
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services
Applies to	<p>All those NHS Providers delivering cancer outpatient, cancer screening or cancer treatment services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Acute Trusts ● Care Trusts ● Contracted independent sector providers.
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 Directions under section 254 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, from NHS England to NHS Digital: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/510128/2016.03.10_CWT_directions_to_HSCIC.pdf</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: https://digital.nhs.uk/data-provision-notices</p>
Link to further documentation	<p>The Change Specification, Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS Digital website: www.content.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dcb0147</p> <p>Further guidance is published by NHS Digital: https://digital.nhs.uk/cancer-waiting-times</p>
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Dates	
Implementation and conformance dates	<p>The Implementation period commences on publication of this Information Standards Notice (5 October 2017).</p> <p>Development of the new system continues through this period, with public beta testing starting in January 2018. The new system will go live on 1 April 2018 and the current system will be retired on 3 May 2018.</p> <p>Providers must record data on activity that occurs on/after 1 July 2018 against this new release:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• with the exception of data items for the Faster Diagnosis Standard which must be recorded for activity that occurs on/after 1 April 2019.
Post Implementation Review date	30 April 2019

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