

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	DCB1077 Amd 67/2018
Name	Automatic Identification and Data Capture (AIDC) for Patient Identification, SRIN and GLN Wristband Update
Approval date	20 December 2019
Publication date	26 March 2020
Standard definition	
Description	<p>This standard defines how to encode the NHS approved patient identifiers into the GS1 DataMatrix barcode (a two-dimensional barcode) and covers production, verification and printing rules for the barcode. The resulting data set is the Automatic Identification and Data Capture (AIDC) for Patient Identification Data Set.</p> <p>This standard supports the accurate, timely and safer identification of NHS patients in England, by using open standards for positive patient identification. The standard uses ISB 0099: Patient Identifiers for Identity Bands and the GS1 System of Standards for code numbering and barcoding, which is outlined in ISB 0108: AIDC: Automatic Identification and Data Capture.</p>
About this change	<p>This change to the standard brings it in line with existing GS1 standards by allowing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. the new use of an SRIN (Service Relation Instance Number) which allows the episode of care to be included in the printed wristband2. the use of a GLN (Global Location Number) to identify the hospital where the wristband was printed in conjunction with ODS code and the local patient identifier, when the NHS Number is not available. <p>In addition to the two new data items, the following existing data items were updated to align with the NHS Data Model and Dictionary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER (CODE OF PROVIDER) is now between three to six alphanumeric characters and MANDATORY4. LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER (EXTENDED) is now up to 20 alphanumeric characters and MANDATORY

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Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services
Applies to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All health care settings in England where an identity band is worn by the patient. Note: this standard is not mandatory for providers, but where providers do choose to use barcoded patient identifiers, they MUST conform to this standard and ensure that all mandatory data items are configured accordingly.
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.
Link to further documentation	<p>The Change Specification, Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS Digital website:</p> <p>www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dcb1077</p> <p>Further guidance is published by GS1 UK:</p> <p>www.gs1uk.org/dcb1077-for-patient-identification</p>
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Dates	
Implementation and conformance dates	<p>This standard and the change introduced in this release may be used with immediate effect.</p> <p>Where organisations choose to implement the changes introduced in this release, conformance with the standard is due by 31 December 2020.</p>
Post Implementation Review date	31 December 2021

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