

# 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 Act 2012.

You must comply with the change to this standard by the full conformance date specified below.

Standard details	
DCB unique identifier	DCB1513 Amd 10/2018
Name	Maternity Services Data Set, Version 2.0
Approval date	12 September 2018
Publication date	14 September 2018
Standard definition	
Description	<p>The Maternity Services Data Set (MSDS) is the national information standard for data relating to NHS-funded maternity services. It sets out requirements for the collection and submission of operational and clinical data relating to each stage of the maternity care pathway, thereby enabling secondary uses of the data for such purposes as commissioning, payment, planning, outcomes monitoring and addressing health inequalities.</p> <p>Providers of NHS-funded maternity services are required to submit data to NHS Digital on a monthly basis.</p>
About this change	<p>Version 2.0 of the Maternity Services Data Set (MSDS) represents a significant change to the existing structure of the current information standard (v1.5). It brings the MSDS into line with the structure of other national data sets managed by NHS Digital. In addition, the changes cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• removal of the exemption for paper-based records</li><li>• introduction of SNOMED CT, enabling:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ more detailed diagnoses</li><li>○ more detailed procedures, observations and findings</li><li>○ more data about smoking status</li><li>○ capture of scored assessments</li><li>○ payment pathways for mothers with specific conditions or complex social factors</li></ul></li><li>• introduction of data items to capture:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ continuity of carer</li><li>○ personalised care plans</li><li>○ intended and actual place of birth</li></ul></li><li>• new values for overseas visitor charging category</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• linkage to neonatal data</li> <li>• data to monitor conformance with NICE clinical guidance.</li> </ul> <p>Some of the new data items will allow the future retirement of overlapping collections once MSDS data achieves the right quality.</p> <p>A number of the changes are in specific response to the National Maternity Review, which led to the publication of the <a href="#">Better Births report</a> in February 2016. This report highlighted the need for maternity services in England to (a) become safer and more personalised and (b) provide better access to information for pregnant women.</p> <p>The publication of Better Births resulted in the establishment of the <a href="#">Maternity Transformation Programme</a>, and this updated version of the data set forms part of the 'Sharing Data and Information' workstream of the Programme.</p>
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services
Applies to	<p>Any NHS Trust providing NHS-funded maternity services.</p> <p>Any independent sector provider of NHS-commissioned maternity services.</p> <p>All related services which have an active involvement in the NHS maternity care pathway, including those for: obstetrics, midwifery, fetal medicine, radiology, pathology, gynaecology and neonatal.</p> <p>All commissioners of NHS-funded maternity services should ensure reporting and management information are updated in line with these changes.</p>
Impacts upon	Implementation 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>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. A copy of the Directions 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 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:  <a href="https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/data-provision-notice-dpns">https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/data-provision-notice-dpns</a></p>

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Link to further documentation	The Requirements Specification, Change Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS Digital website: <a href="http://www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dcb1513">www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dcb1513</a>  Further guidance is published by NHS Digital: <a href="https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-sets/maternity-services-data-set">https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-sets/maternity-services-data-set</a>
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<b>Dates</b>	
Implementation and conformance dates	From 1 April 2019, providers must be able to collect the data specified in this release.  From 1 May 2019, providers must begin to submit data as specified in this release, ensuring that by 30 June 2019 they have successfully made their first submission of Version 2.0 data.
Post Implementation Review date	30 April 2020

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