

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	DCB1521 Amd 74/2016
Name	Cancer Outcomes and Services Data set, Version 8.0
Approval date	14 September 2017
Publication date	28 September 2017
Standard definition	
Description	<p>The Cancer Outcomes and Services Data set (COSD) is a compiled data set which provides the standard for secondary uses information required to support the implementation and monitoring of <i>Improving Outcomes: A Strategy for Cancer (IOSC)</i>. The standard, managed by Public Health England, consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a set of individual data items, with their definitions • the assemblage of these data items into discrete data sets • the means of flowing the data items • compilation of the data items into a single reconciled and verified data set. <p>All patients diagnosed with or receiving cancer treatment in or funded by the NHS in England are covered by the standard. This includes adult and paediatric cancer patients.</p>
About this change	<p>This release introduces the following changes:</p> <p>Relaxation of submission rules: In order to prevent valid data being withheld due to the reporting methodology of XML, the schema specification continues to be relaxed (as per v7.0) for all data (except linkage items) from 'mandatory' to 'required'.</p> <p>Extension of scope: There is a continued commitment within v8.0 to encourage Trusts to record all recurrences, and a new recording pathway has been introduced with clearer, more accurate data items to support the recommendations within the Cancer Taskforce Report.</p> <p>Changes to data set: In order to align with current business needs and clinical practice, various changes have been made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 39 new data items, of which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 to comply with the Information Standard DCB2094 on sexual orientation monitoring ○ 13 for the accurate collection of data for liver tumours ○ 3 for the accurate collection of risk factors ○ 1 to comply with the Information Standard SCCI0034 on SNOMED CT diagnosis. • 92 data items have been deleted, mainly to remove duplication

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	<p>and linked data collected in other national data sets, but also to align with revisions to Royal College of Pathologists core data sets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 57 data items have been re-aligned or moved within the data set, to ensure data nests correctly within the XML schema • 51 data items have been amended for better synchronisation across the NHS Data Model and Dictionary, to allow for changes in new staging systems and/or for clarification of descriptions. This includes 11 data items which have been updated to comply with the Information Standard SCCI0090 - Health and Social Care Organisation Reference Data.
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services
Applies to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cancer centres, cancer units and all other providers of NHS commissioned cancer services • developers and suppliers of electronic systems for use in NHS commissioned cancer centres and NHS provider services • organisations purchasing electronic systems for use in NHS commissioned cancer centres and NHS provider services
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>Users of secondary data about cancer will need to review their current use and determine appropriate changes.</p>
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 approval under Regulation 2 of the Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002 to collect and process patient identifiable information (CAG reference: PIAG 3(a)/2001).</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/dcb1521</p> <p>Further guidance is published by Public Health England: http://www.ncin.org.uk/collecting_and_using_data/data_collection/cosd</p>
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Dates	
Implementation and conformance dates	<p>29-09-2017 to 31-03-2018</p> <p>Phase 1 - Implementation: the development lead times of software</p>

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	<p>suppliers and in-house developers to make changes to systems to reflect the new requirements.</p> <p>01-04-2018 to 30-06-2018 Phase 2 - Data Collection: allows for a 3-month period where data can be submitted in accordance with either COSD v7.0 or v8.0 formats.</p> <p>01-07-2018 onwards Phase 3 - Full Conformance: requires full conformance, using only COSD v8.0 format.</p>
Post Implementation Review date	31 July 2019

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