

NHS Data Model and Dictionary



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Subject: Sexual Orientation
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Background:

Sexual orientation is one of the nine protected characteristics defined by the [Equality Act \(2010\)](#). The Act and the corresponding public sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Act) contain a legal obligation for all public sector bodies to pay due regard to the needs of lesbian, gay and bisexual (LGB) people in the design and delivery of services, and to ensure (and be able to demonstrate) that people are not discriminated against based upon their sexual orientation.

Sexual Orientation Monitoring (SOM) is essential in order for such bodies to comply with the requirements of the Equality Duty.

This fundamental standard provides the mechanism for recording the sexual orientation of all patients and service users aged 16 years and over across the whole of health and social care in England.

All new data sets with a business requirement to collect sexual orientation data will be expected to adopt this sexual orientation monitoring (SOM) fundamental standard, and existing data sets already reporting SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE will be required to change to the new values at their next iteration.

This Change Request adds the supporting definitions and values for Person Stated Sexual Orientation to the NHS Data Model and Dictionary to support the Sexual Orientation Monitoring Information Standard.

To view a demonstration on "How to Read an NHS Data Model and Dictionary Change Request", visit the NHS Data Model and Dictionary help pages at: http://www.datadictionary.nhs.uk/Flash_Files/changerequest.htm.

Note: if the web page does not open, please copy the link and paste into the web browser.

Summary of changes:

Class Definitions

PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION	New Class
SEXUAL ORIENTATION	Changed Description

Attribute Definitions

CATEGORY VALUED PERSON OBSERVATION TYPE	Changed Description
PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE	New Attribute
SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE	Changed Description

Data Elements

PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE	New Data Element
SEXUAL ORIENTATION (CURRENT)	Changed Description

Date: 21 September 2017

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Note: New text is shown with a blue background. Deleted text is crossed out. Retired text is shown in grey. Within the Diagrams deleted classes and relationships are red, changed items are blue and new items are green.

PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Change to Class: New Class

The stated physical and emotional attraction a [PERSON](#) feels towards one sex or another (or both).

[SEXUAL ORIENTATION](#) will be replaced with [PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION](#), which is the most recent approved national information standard to describe the required definition.

PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Change to Class: New Class

Attributes of this Class are:

[PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE](#)

PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Change to Class: New Class

Each PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION

may be the category for one or more CATEGORY VALUED PERSON OBSERVATION

SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Change to Class: Changed Description

The [SEXUAL ORIENTATION](#) of a [PERSON](#).

[SEXUAL ORIENTATION](#) will be replaced with [PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION](#), which is the most recent approved national information standard to describe the required definition.

CATEGORY VALUED PERSON OBSERVATION TYPE

Change to Attribute: Changed Description

The type of [CATEGORY VALUED PERSON OBSERVATION](#).

National Codes:

- 01 ALCOHOL STATUS (Retired 1 January 2013)
- 02 ASPIRIN THERAPY LOCATION (Retired July 2012)
- 03 BLEED COMPLICATION (Retired July 2012)
- 04 [ETHNIC CATEGORY](#)
- 05 JOINT REPLACEMENT REVISION CLASSIFICATION (Retired 1 April 2012)
- 06 [LANGUAGE](#)
- 07 [MENTAL HEALTH ACT LEGAL STATUS CLASSIFICATION](#)
- 08 PATIENT CLINICAL GROUP (Retired July 2012)
- 09 [PERFORMANCE STATUS](#)
- 10 [PERSON GENDER](#)
- 11 [PERSON MARITAL STATUS](#)
- 12 SARCOMA PREDISPOSING CONDITION (Retired 1 January 2013)
- 13 SKIN LYMPHOMA MORPHOLOGY (Retired 1 January 2013)
- 14 [ACCOMMODATION](#)
- 15 [SEXUAL ORIENTATION](#)
- 16 [RELIGIOUS OR OTHER BELIEF SYSTEM AFFILIATION](#)

- 17 RELIGIOUS OR OTHER BELIEF SYSTEM AFFILIATION GROUP (Retired August 2013)
- 18 [CONTRACEPTION](#)
- 19 [DISABILITY](#)
- 20 [PREVIOUS SYMPTOM STATUS](#)
- 21 [PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION STATUS](#)
- 22 [STATUTORY SICK PAY STATUS](#)
- 23 [PERSON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEVEL](#)
- 24 [CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATION STATUS](#)
- 25 [FOLIC ACID SUPPLEMENT STATUS](#)
- 26 [SUPPORT STATUS](#)
- 27 [DISABILITY SEVERITY](#)
- 28 [CONSCIOUSNESS STATUS](#)
- 29 [PERSON PHENOTYPIC SEX](#)
- 30 [PERSON STATED GENDER](#)
- 31 [SOCIO-ECONOMIC CLASSIFICATION](#)
- 32 [CARE CLUSTER](#)
- 33 [NATIONALITY](#)
- 34 [PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION](#)

PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE

Change to Attribute: New Attribute

The [PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION](#) of a [PERSON](#).

[SNOMED CT Subset Metadata](#):

- [Subset Name: Sexual orientation](#)
- [Subset Original Id: 74781000000131](#)
- [Refset FSN: Sexual orientation findings simple reference set \(foundation metadata concept\)](#)
- [Refset Id: 999003081000000103](#)

For further details relating to the [SNOMED CT Subset Metadata](#), see the [Data Dictionary for Care \(DD4C\)](#) website at: [Sexual orientation](#).

[National Codes](#):

- 1 [Heterosexual or Straight](#)
- 2 [Gay or Lesbian](#)
- 3 [Bisexual](#)
- 4 [Other sexual orientation not listed](#)

- U [PERSON](#) asked and does not know or is not sure
- Z Not Stated ([PERSON](#) asked but declined to provide a response)

SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE will be replaced with **PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE**, which is the most recent approved national information standard to describe the required definition.

This attribute is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
snomedctsubsetoriginalid	74781000000131
snomedctrefsetname	Sexual orientation findings simple reference set (foundation metadata concept)
snomedctsubsetname	Sexual orientation
snomedctrefsetid	999003081000000103

PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE

Change to Attribute: New Attribute

PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE

Data Elements:

PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE

SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE

Change to Attribute: Changed Description

The [SEXUAL ORIENTATION](#) of a [PATIENT](#).

National Codes:

- 1 Heterosexual
- 2 Gay/Lesbian
- 3 Bi-sexual
- 4 [PERSON](#) asked and does not know or is not sure *
- Z Not Stated ([PERSON](#) asked but declined to provide a response) *

Note: * Code not to be used for the [Genitourinary Medicine Clinic Activity Data Set](#).

SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE will be replaced with **PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE**, which is the most recent approved national information standard to describe the required definition.

PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE

Change to Data Element: New Data Element

Format/Length:	an1
National Codes:	See PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE
Default Codes:	9 - Not Known (Not Recorded)

Notes:

PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE is the same as attribute **PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE**.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION (CURRENT) will be replaced with **PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE**, which is the most recent approved national information standard to describe the required definition.

PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE

Change to Data Element: New Data Element

PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE

Attribute:

PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE

SEXUAL ORIENTATION (CURRENT)

Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	an1
National Codes:	See SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE
Default Codes:	9 - Unknown

Notes:

[SEXUAL ORIENTATION \(CURRENT\)](#) is the same as attribute [SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE](#).

SEXUAL ORIENTATION (CURRENT) is the current SEXUAL ORIENTATION of a PERSON.

For the purposes of the Genitourinary Medicine Clinic Activity Data Set, National Codes '4 PERSON asked and does not know or is not sure' and 'Z Not Stated (PERSON asked but declined to provide a response)' cannot be used.

National Codes 4 and Z should be mapped to '9 Unknown' for central reporting purposes.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION (CURRENT) will be replaced with PERSON STATED SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE, which is the most recent approved national information standard to describe the required definition.

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