

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	DCB2123 Amd 90/2019
Name	Patient-Level Information and Costing Systems (PLICS) Acute Data Set, Version 2.0
Approval date	23 April 2020
Publication date	26 June 2020
Standard definition	
Description	<p>This information standard mandates the use of the Patient-Level Information and Costing Systems (PLICS) Acute Data Set across designated providers of acute services.</p> <p>This requires the annual submission of patient level activity and financial data, including all contracted-out activity, to NHS Digital (acting on behalf of NHS England and NHS Improvement) for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Admitted Patient Care (APC)• Outpatients (OP)• Emergency Care attendances (EC)• Cystic Fibrosis• Adult Critical Care• High Cost Drugs• High Cost Devices• Unbundled Imaging. <p>The introduction of patient level costing is intended to deliver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• better benchmarking of costs and patient pathways, enabling a reduction in unwarranted variation• better understanding of patient pathways, supporting the introduction of more effective care models• an improvement in accuracy of the national tariff and local prices, helping to strengthen efficiency incentives. <p>The collection year operates on a financial year basis; data is reported annually with a submission window in the summer following the end of the financial year. The Specification of this standard provides details of how episodes and attendances should be treated for the collection year.</p> <p>Note that providers submitting PLICS data no longer need to submit reference costs for those services where PLICS has been mandated. Providers of non-acute services will still be required to submit reference costs until notified otherwise.</p>

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About this change	<p>This release incorporates the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialist Ward Care (SWC): a new feed type, with new data items, to collect adult critical care data at a patient level • Supplementary Information (SI): a new feed type, with new data items, to collect high cost drugs, high cost devices and diagnostic imaging at a patient level • PLICS Extract Matching Identifier (PLEMI): a new data item to enable data linkage across all PLICS feed types • Cystic Fibrosis Banding – a new data item for Admitted Patient Care (APC) and Outpatients (OP) to allow cystic fibrosis care to be collected at a patient level • Updates to, and removal of, some data items to align with the Emergency Care Data Set.
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services
Applies to	<p>Acute trusts (foundation and non-foundation) in line with the timetable set out by NHS England and NHS Improvement: https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/costing-mandation-project/</p>
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>
Legal authority	<p>This information standard is published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.</p> <p>The collection of data is the subject of a Mandatory Request under section 255 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, from Monitor (as “NHS Improvement”) to NHS Digital. This is available on the NHS Digital website: https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notices/mandatory-requests-from-nhs-improvement/patient-level-costing-information-systems-plics-continued-implementation-acute-2019</p> <p>NHS Digital will be issuing an updated Data Provision Notice under section 259 of the Act to require the submission of the data set. This will be available on the NHS Digital website: https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notices/data-provision-notices-dpns</p> <p>There is also an obligation under both the NHS Standard Contract and the Provider licence for Acute trusts (foundation and non-foundation) to comply with this information standard.</p>

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Link to further documentation	<p>The Change Specification, Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS Digital website: www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dcb2123</p> <p>Further guidance is published by NHS England and NHS Improvement: https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/costing-mandation-project</p>
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Dates	
Implementation and conformance dates	<p>Note that this collection has changed its implementation date to allow NHS frontline activity to concentrate on COVID-19 activity.</p> <p>The submission period for the data collection will run from 7 September to 13 November 2020.</p>
Post Implementation Review date	31 March 2021

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