

Information Standards Notice – Change

Acting on behalf of the Data Alliance Partnership Board (DAPB) which holds delegated authority from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, the Data Alliance Partnership Sub Board (DAPSB) 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	
DAPB unique identifier	DAPB4001 Amd 17/2021
Name	Patient Level Information and Costing Systems (PLICS) Ambulance Data Set, 2020-2021
Approval date	11 August 2021
Publication date	13 August 2021
Standard and release definition	
	<p>This information standard mandates providers of ambulance services to submit patient level activity and financial data to NHS Digital, acting on behalf of NHS England and NHS Improvement.</p> <p>The associated collection covers ambulance activity (such as call handling, dispatch, time on scene and patient handover) and associated financial data for all incidents going through 999 call centres or dispatch centres within England.</p> <p>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>Ambulance is one of four services being mandated to submit PLICS data for 2020-21, the others being acute, IAPT and mental health services (see DAPB4000 PLICS Integrated Data Set).</p> <p>This release introduces the following minor changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • removal of legacy code values relating to Call Category • update to the existing data item, Organisation identifier of handover destination • update to the existing data item, Organisation identifier (Code of Provider). <p>The level of change has deliberately been kept low to minimise the impact on NHS staff who are still dealing with the impacts of</p>

	COVID-19.
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services
Applies to	Designated providers of ambulance services.
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	<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-notice/mandatory-requests-from-nhs-improvement/patient-level-information-and-costing-systems-plics-mandatory-collections-continued-implementation-mandatory-request-information-system</p> <p>NHS Digital has issued 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-notice/data-provision-notice-dpns/patient-level-information-and-costing-systems-plics-ambulance</p> <p>There is also an obligation under both the NHS Standard Contract and the Provider licence for trusts (foundation and non-foundation) to comply with this information standard.</p>
Link to further documentation	<p>The Change Specification, Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS Digital website: https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/information-standards/information-standards-and-data-collections-including-extractions/publications-and-notifications/standards-and-collections/patient-level-information-and-costing-systems</p> <p>Further guidance is published by NHS England and NHS Improvement: https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/approved-costing-guidance-2021-ambulance-prescribed-guidance-and-tools/</p>
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Dates	
Implementation date	The submission window opens on 6 September 2021 for the data relating to the 2020-2021 financial year. The submission window closes on 29 October 2021.
Post Implementation Review date	31 October 2022

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