

Change Specification for Patient Level Information and Costing Systems (PLICS) Integrated Data Set

DAPB4000 Amd 20/2022



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Overview

Data Alliance Partnership Board

The Data Alliance Partnership Board (DAPB), which holds delegated authority from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, has approved a change to an existing information standard for publication under [section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012](#).

Assurance that this information standard meets the requirements of the Act and is appropriate for the use specified in the specification document has been provided by the Data Standards Assurance Service (DSAS) and endorsed by the Data Alliance Partnership Sub Board (DAPSB).

This information standard comprises the following documents:

- Change Specification
- Implementation Guidance
- Requirements Specification.

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Summary

1. This document describes the changes associated with this release of the Information Standard. Details on the purpose, background and context of the standard are shown in the supporting Standard Specification.

Standard	
Standard Number	DAPB4000 Amd 20/2022
Standard Title	Patient Level Information and Costing Systems (PLICS) Integrated Data Set
Description	<p>Patient Level Costing (PLC) is being rolled out across all sectors and services from 2018/19 to 2022/23.</p> <p>This version of the standard covers the financial year 2021/22, for which PLC data continues to be collected for acute, mental health and IAPT services from all designated providers. The scope of the collection of financial year 2021/22 data is also being extended to include community health services.</p> <p>The information standard covers the creation of the PLC (Integrated) Data Set (PLCINTDS).</p> <p>It contains unit costs for inpatient admissions, emergency care, outpatient attendances, mental health provider spells and care contacts, IAPT appointments and community services care contacts for designated NHS providers in England.</p>
Applies to	Designated providers as published in Annex A Section 2 of the Requirements Specification for PLICS Mandatory Collections continued implementation and associated Mandatory Request .
Services covered	<p>The following service types, for designated providers are in scope:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admitted patient care (APC) • Non-admitted patient care (NAPC) attendances, also known as outpatients (OP) • Emergency Care attendances (EC) • Cystic Fibrosis

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Critical Care (SWC¹) • Paediatric Critical Care (SWC) • Neonatal Critical Care (SWC) • High Cost Drugs (SI²) • High Cost Blood Products (SI) • High Cost Devices (SI) • Unbundled Imaging (SI) • Mental Health Provider Spells / admitted patient care (MHPS) • Mental Health Care Contacts / non-admitted patient care (MHCC) • IAPT Appointments (IAPT) • Community Services Care Contacts (CSCC) • Reconciliation (combined) <p>The collection year begins on 1 April 2021 and ends on 31 March 2022.</p> <p>For a detailed breakdown of the In-scope services, please review the corresponding Standard Specification published alongside this Change Specification.</p> <p>Further guidance can be found in National Cost Collection Guidance: Volume 3 – acute, mental health, IAPT and community services.</p>
Release	
Release Number	DAPB4000 Amd 20/2022
Release Title	Patient Level Information and Costing Systems (PLICS) Integrated Data Set
Description	The changes included in this release can be found in the Changes to the Standard section below.
Date	All designated providers: From 1 April 2021
Implementation dates (start/end dates)	Start date - Timetabled for submission start date 18 July 2022 End date – Timetabled for submission end date of 9 September 2022. Continuous

¹ SWC - Specialist Ward Care

² SI – Supplementary Information

Scope

In-Scope

2. This Information Standard is mandatory for Acute, Mental Health, IAPT and Community Health services provided by designated NHS Trusts in England.
3. The purpose of the associated Integrated [Extract Specification](#) document is to precisely define the data to be collected and submitted.
4. NHS England and NHS Improvement have mandated PLICS from the acute, mental health and IAPT sector since 2020, therefore all expected providers will be required to submit patient-level costing for their services.
5. From 2022, community services have been brought into this mandatory collection. Their inclusion within the PLICS Integrated collection aims to reduce the burden on integrated providers who otherwise would be required to complete multiple patient-level reconciliations.
6. For activity related to the financial year 2021/22 and will only apply to the designated providers of acute, mental health, IAPT and community activity as per Annex A Section 2 of the [Requirements Specification for PLICS Mandatory Collections continued implementation](#)
7. This information standard ONLY applies to services provided by the designated NHS providers.

The collection year begins on 1 April 2021 and ends on 31 March 2022. For further details of the scope please see the associated Information Standard Specification.

Out of Scope

8. The following are out of scope of the requirements of this Information Standard:
 - Ambulance Services

Related Standards

#	Reference	Title
1	DAPB4001 Amd 21/2022	Patient Level Information and Costing Systems (PLICS) Ambulance Data Set
2	ISB 0149	NHS Number

Changes to the standard

1. The [Integrated Extract Specification](#) sets out the data items and formats required for the submission of financial year 2021/22 data. This includes a Change Log which contains further details of the changes, for example whether a change is a new data item or an amendment.
2. The main changes introduced for financial year 2021/22 data are set out below:

Change for 2022 collection	Sector(s) affected	Required compliance	Detail
New data item – Agreed Adjustment Code	All	Mandatory if agreed adjustment code is issued	<p>In 2022 there is a new field collected in the extract specification for agreed adjustments. This will replace the previous agreed adjustment lines in the NCC workbook reconciliation as the NCC workbook reconciliation will not be used to assure NCC submissions in 2022.</p> <p>Trusts will still need to apply to NHS England and NHS Improvement for agreed adjustments and will be issued an agreed adjustment code.</p> <p>There will only be one 'Service ID' for agreed adjustments, and this will be AADJ01. DVT rules will be generated to test the application of the agreed adjustments coding in 'AgrAdj' XML field and SerID.</p>

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New data item – Part Cost Flag	Acute and community	Mandatory	<p>The part cost flag should be populated to identify patient events where a trust can only submit part of the patient care costs due to another organisation bearing the remaining costs, with no recharge in the general ledger of provider responsible for the activity.</p> <p>This flag only applies to the APC and OP feed type.</p>
New data item – Episode Grouping	Acute and Community	Mandatory	<p>Episode grouping is the patient care group for the episode.</p> <p>There are nine codes that identify whether a patient episode has appropriate sufficient clinical coding to have a reliable healthcare resource group (HRG) in the HRG field.</p>
New feed type – Community Service to be added to the integrated data extract specification	Community	Mandatory	<p>To reduce the burden on community providers, community services being bought into the scope of PLICS have been added into the integrated extract specification for 2022.</p> <p>This means integrated trusts will only have to complete one reconciliation template for their NCC.</p> <p>Where providers are concerned that they are unable to comply with this please contact</p>

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			costing@england.nhs.uk as soon as possible
Change in compliance level - PLICS extract matching identifier (PLEMI)	All	Mandatory	The PLEMI will enable data links across a number of activity feed types from one organisation and was tested in 2020 and 2021. As a result, the compliance level has been increased to mandatory including in the CSCC feed type.
Removal of data item – The PLEMI removed from EC and IAPT only.	EC IAPT	N/A	The PLEMI has been removed from EC and IAPT feed types.
Wheelchair Services	Acute and Community	Soft Implementation	For 2022, trusts which can flow their wheelchair services as part of their PLICS XML files, are encouraged to do so providing this will not incur extra burden. This is a soft implementation, meaning if trusts are unable to provide these costs at level they can submit at aggregate level in workbook. Providers must submit in either the workbook or PLICS, not both.

Change for 2022 collection	Sector(s) affected	Required compliance	Detail
Paediatric and neonatal critical care	Acute	Mandatory	In 2022, trusts must submit paediatric and neonatal critical care using the specialist ward care (SWC) feed in the same way adult critical care is collected via the SWC feed.
Med Tech devices	Acute	Mandatory	<p>The NHS Long Term Plan committed to accelerate the uptake of selected innovative medical devices, diagnostics, and digital products to patients, by developing the MedTech Funding Mandate policy. 7 The MedTech Funding Mandate policy launched on 1 April 2021.</p> <p>The technologies supported by the policy in 2021/22 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • placental growth factor-based testing – a blood test to rule out pre-eclampsia in pregnant women • SecurAcath– for securing percutaneous catheters • HeartFlow– creates a 3D model of a patient’s coronary arteries and assesses the extent and location of blockages • gammaCore– a handheld device which alleviates the

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			<p>symptoms of severe cluster headaches</p> <p>MedTech tests will be collected as part of the composite cost of the clinical event and should be submitted using collection activity PAT008.</p> <p>MedTech Devices will need to be separately identifiable in the 2022 NCC and collected in the supplementary information (SI) feed under CSIU2. The currency codes are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MTI001 HeartFlow • MTI002 SecurAcath • MTI003 gammaCore
<p>Change in compliance level – Care contact identifier</p>	IAPT	Mandatory	<p>For the PLICS 2021 collection (for 2020/21 activity data) PLICS was partially aligned to IAPT v2.0.</p> <p>The care contact identifier mandation status had to be lowered to Required (due to new data item only collected for part of the year).</p>

3. Below is a summary of other changes for 2022 collection included in the extract specification, see [extract specification](#) for further details:

- EC: Data item changes to ensure alignment to relevant version of the corresponding national activity dataset (ECDS v3.0)
- MHPS: Data item changes to ensure alignment to relevant version of the corresponding national activity dataset (MHSDS v5.0)
- MHCC: Data item changes to PLICS to ensure alignment to relevant version of the corresponding national activity dataset (MHSDS v5.0)
- CSCC: Data item changes to PLICS to ensure alignment to relevant version of the corresponding national activity dataset (CSDS v1.5)
- Updates to multiple value lists defined in the reference data worksheets including high-cost drugs.

The published [PLICS 2022 Approved Costing Guidance](#) for collection year 2022 supersedes all earlier versions and is mandated for all relevant sectors.

Issues and Maintenance

To support the implementation of this information standard any persistent issues should be fed back to the standard's developers. Feedback will be used by the developers for future development and to improve implementation of the standard. Send feedback to PLICS@nhs.net (please include 'PLICS Integrated Standard' in the subject line).

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