

Information Standards Notice – Change

Acting under delegated authority from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, the Data Alliance Partnership Board (DAPB) 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 21/2022
Name	Patient Level Information and Costing Systems (PLICS) Ambulance Data Set, 2021-2022
Approval date	28 June 2022
Publication date	28 June 2022
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 five services being mandated to submit PLICS data for 2021-22, the others being acute, IAPT, mental health services and community health services (see DAPB4000 PLICS Integrated Data Set).</p>
About this change	<p>This version of the standard covers the financial year 2021-22, and introduces a new data item: Agreed Adjustment Code.</p> <p>This new data item replaces the previous agreed adjustment lines in the (National Cost Collection) NCC workbook reconciliation. 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>

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 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-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: National Cost Collection Guidance: Volume 4 – ambulance</p>
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Dates	
Implementation date	The submission window opens on 18 July 2022 for the data relating to the 2021-2022 financial year. The submission window closes on 9 September 2022.
Post Implementation Review date	31 July 2023

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