

Data Coordination Board

Information Standards Notice – New

Acting under delegated authority from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, the Data Coordination Board (DCB) has approved a new information standard for publication under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

You must comply with this new information standard by the full conformance date specified below.

Standard details	
DCB unique identifier	DCB2123-02 Amd 38/2020
Name	Patient-Level Information and Costing Systems (PLICS) Ambulance Data Set, Version 1.0
Approval date	15 December 2020
Publication date	16 December 2020
Standard definition	
Description	<p>This new 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 (NHSEI).</p> <p>The data 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 for the financial year 2019-20.</p> <p>The introduction of this standard follows a previous pilot of the PLICS Ambulance collection undertaken by NHS Digital in 2018 and early implementer collection by NHSEI in 2019.</p> <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 following the end of the financial year. The 2019-20 submission has been delayed due to the impact of COVID-19.</p> <p>Ambulance is one of four services being mandated to submit PLICS data for 2019-20, the others being acute, IAPT and mental health services.</p>
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services
Applies to	Ambulance providers: Designated Trusts as published in Annex B of the Mandatory Request.

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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/plics-ambulance-plics-mental-health-and-plics-iapt-for-financial-year-2019-2020-data</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</p>
Link to further documentation	<p>The Standard 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://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/costing-mandation-project</p>
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Dates	

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Implementation and conformance dates	The submission period for the data collection will run from 11 to 29 January 2021.
Post Implementation Review date	31 March 2022

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