

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 Act 2012.

You must comply with the change to this standard by the full conformance date specified below.

Standard details	
DAPB unique identifier	DAPB4000 Amd 15/2021
Name	Patient Level Information and Costing Systems (PLICS) Integrated Data Set, 2020-2021
Approval date	11 August 2021
Publication date	13 August 2021
Standard definition	
Description	<p>This information standard mandates providers of acute, mental health and Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) services within England to submit patient level activity and financial data to NHS Digital, acting on behalf of NHS England and NHS Improvement.</p> <p>For the 2020-2021 release, the previously separate PLICS standards DCB2123 (Acute), DCB2123-03 (Mental Health) and DCB2123-04 (IAPT) have been consolidated into a single standard (the subject of this Notice). This PLICS Integrated data collection is complemented by a separate collection of PLICS ambulance data (see DAPB4001 PLICS Ambulance Data Set).</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>For this release the main changes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLICS data submission where the feed type exists should be submitted for all services • inclusion of PLICS extract matching identifier (PLEMI) for mental health

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLEMI data item structure: the PLEMI will no longer act as a method of sequencing and therefore the suffix count will be removed and will not be replaced • continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) and bilevel positive airway pressure (BiPAP) devices are to be collected • paediatric and neonatal critical care are included • mental health trusts will be required to submit the 'Supplementary Information' feed; this includes 'High-cost drugs and unbundled imaging' brought into PLICS • Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) are included • transition from IAPT Data Set v1.5 to v2.0. • COVID-19 costs. <p>This data set replaces elements of the data collected as part of the reference cost collection for those designated trusts for acute, mental health and IAPT activity.</p>
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services
Applies to	Designated providers of acute, mental health and IAPT 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 is 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-integrated</p>

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	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.
Link to further documentation	<p>The 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-integrated-prescribed-guidance-and-tools/</p>
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Dates	
Implementation and conformance dates	The submission window opens on 6 September 2021 for the data relating to the 2020-2021 financial year. The submission window closes on 26 November 2021.
Post Implementation Review date	31 October 2022

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