

Advance Notification – Proposed Amendment

This is an Advance Notification (AN) of proposed amendments to an information standard formerly approved by the Information Standards Board for Health and Social Care (ISB). This should be read in conjunction with the details in [the current information standard](#). You should start planning for the implementation of this change.

If you have any comments or feedback please contact the developer using the email address given below.

| Proposed Amendment | |
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| Date AN Published | 12 May 2016 |
| SCCI unique identifier | SCCI0034 Amd 35/2016 |
| Title | SNOMED CT® |
| Description | <p>This Advance Notification announces changes to the SNOMED CT standard, including changes to the required timescales for implementation. These changes should also be read in conjunction with the SCCI notices relating to the retirement of the Read codes (ISB 1552 and ISB 1553).</p> <p>Where reference is made to the Read codes within this notice this relates to both Read v2 and Read v3 (also known as Clinical Terms Version 3 or CTV3), which are ISB approved standards (now deprecated).</p> <p>SNOMED CT is the only current information standard for clinical terminology and this amendment seeks to ensure its implementation is planned to coincide with national requirements in relation to electronic records and the retirement of the Read codes. SNOMED CT is required to be used for communicating clinical content across health and care within the NHS standard contracts and is also stated as the required terminology to support direct management of care within the policy document published by the National Information Board (NIB) 'Personalised Health and Care 2020: A Framework for Action'.</p> <p>SNOMED CT was published as an information standard by ISB in August 2011; this proposal provides amendments to the standard and the dates for implementation. A formal change request will be submitted to SCCI by the end of 2016, with publication of a new Information Standards Notice following acceptance.</p> |
| Summary of Changes | <p>There are two elements to the changes being considered by SCCI:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirmation of the timescales for the cessation of |

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| | <p>SNOMED CT releases in Release Format 1 (RF1) and the subsequent move to releases only being provided in Release Format 2 (RF2).</p> <p>2. Conversion of the current information standard to align with the requirements of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, including confirmation of implementation dates in alignment with national policy.</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <p>The IHTSDO has issued notification that it plans to cease provision of SNOMED CT in RF1 after the July 2016 release. The UK Terminology Centre (UKTC) has been alerting those using SNOMED CT releases to this but has made provision for the continued use of RF1 for a limited time after this date. Following consultation with existing suppliers, UKTC is proposing that the last RF1 release will be in April 2018.</p> <p>The fundamental standard previously issued under ISB 0034 will be updated to reflect the requirements of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 allowing publication as a statutory information standard, as well as incorporating implementation dates published in national policy and strategy documents.</p> |
| <p>Full Conformance Dates</p> | <p>Implementation dates:</p> <p>The change request to SCCI will incorporate the dates from the NIB work programmes as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systems used by primary care service providers must adopt SNOMED CT as the clinical terminology within the system before the 1 April 2018. SNOMED CT must be utilised in place of the Read codes before 1 April 2018. • Systems outside of the primary care environment currently using CTV3 must have adopted SNOMED CT in place of CTV3 by 1 October 2018. • Secondary Care, Acute Care, Mental Health, Community systems and other systems used in the direct management of care of an individual must use SNOMED CT as the clinical terminology before 1 April 2020 as the clinical terminology within all electronic patient level communications within the health and care environment. <p>Release Format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Current users of SNOMED CT in Release Format 1 (RF1) must move to SNOMED CT in Release Format 2 (RF2) no later than 1 October 2018. The standard will be updated to require the use of |

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| | Release Format 2. |
| Scope | <p>Health Services; NHS Services; Adult Social Care as specified in the Health and Social Care Act 2012.</p> <p>The Department of Health will be asked to provide authority to publish this information standard under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.</p> |
| Applies to | <p>All organisations directly providing and/or commissioned to provide NHS, Public Health and/or Adult Social Care services.</p> <p>Note. There is no change to the applicability of the information standard.</p> |
| Impacts upon | <p>Implementation of the change to this information standard applies to all IT systems suppliers providing systems that relate to the direct management of care of the patient and any secondary uses of such data. Suppliers of systems to the above providers and commissioners of Health and/or Adult Social Care services should work with their customers to determine necessary changes.</p> <p>This proposed change also impacts any current users of the Read codes.</p> |
| Link to documentation | <p>The controlled version of this Notification can be found on the HSCIC SCCI website: www.hscic.gov.uk/isce/publication/scci0034</p> <p>Further information about SNOMED CT and implementation requirements can be found on the UK Terminology Centre website: http://systems.hscic.gov.uk/data/uktc/snomed</p> |
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