

# NHS Data Model and Dictionary



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**Version No:** 1.0  
**Subject:** Introduction of the Data Assurance Board  
**Effective Date:** Immediate  
**Reason for Change:** New definition and change to definitions  
**Publication Date:** 6 May 2025

## Background:

The Data Alliance Partnership Board gave delegated authority to the Data Assurance Board, from May 2024, to approve Information Standards Notices, however the Data Alliance Partnership Board retains overall responsibility for the assurance and approvals process.

This Data Dictionary Change Notice (DDCN) updates the NHS Data Model and Dictionary as follows:

- Introduces a new NHS Business Definition for the Data Assurance Board
- Updates the Data Alliance Partnership Board NHS Business Definition
- Updates items to reflect the Information Standards approval process as appropriate.

A short demonstration is available which describes "How to Read an NHS Data Model and Dictionary Change Request", in an easy to understand screen capture including a voice over and readable captions. This demonstration can be viewed at: [https://datadictionary.nhs.uk/elearning/change\\_request/index.html](https://datadictionary.nhs.uk/elearning/change_request/index.html).

Note: if the web page does not open, please copy the link and paste into the web browser. A guide to how to use the demonstration can be found at: [Demonstrations](#).

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**Date:** 6 May 2025

**Sponsor:** Tomas Sanchez Lopez, Director Technology and Data Integration, Data and Analytics, NHS England

**Note:** New text is shown with a blue background. Deleted text is crossed out. Retired text is shown in grey. Within the Diagrams deleted classes and relationships are red, changed items are blue and new items are green.

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## **COMMISSIONING DATA SET BUSINESS RULES**

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Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

The [Commissioning Data Sets](#) have notation to identify the business and/or processing rules which apply to individual Data Elements. This notation appears in the [Rules](#) column of the [Commissioning Data Sets](#) details page.

## **Population Validation**

All Data Elements are subject to **length** validation. Some Data Elements are also subject to **format** and **content** validation against a list of permitted values defined in the NHS Data Model and Dictionary. The value lists are held on the Attribute which the Data Element is based on, plus default codes which are held on the Data Element itself.

RULE	POPULATION VALIDATION
<b>F</b>	The format is validated, for example the format of a date must comply with the XML standard.
<b>V</b>	The Data Element is validated against an explicit list of permitted values as defined in the NHS Data Model and Dictionary. Note the permitted values differ between CDS-XML schema version 6-2 and CDS-XML version 6-2-0 for <a href="#">CARE PROFESSIONAL MAIN SPECIALTY CODE</a> and <a href="#">ACTIVITY TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE</a> .

## Business Rules

Some Data Elements are subject to additional Business Rules as indicated below:

- **Prefix H** = [Healthcare Resource Group](#) Business Rules.
- **Prefix I** = CDS-XML Schema notes, anomalies and issues.
- **Prefix N** = NHS Data Standards and Policy Rules
- **Prefix S** = [Secondary Uses Service](#) Business Rules

PREFIX	BUSINESS RULES: H - Healthcare Resource Group Business Rules
<b>H4</b>	This Data Element is used by the <a href="#">Secondary Uses Service</a> to derive the <a href="#">Healthcare Resource Group 4</a> . Failure to correctly populate this data element is likely to result in an incorrect <a href="#">Healthcare Resource Group</a> , usually associated with lower levels of healthcare resource. For further information, please refer to the <a href="#">NHS England</a> website at: <a href="#">Payment by Results Guidance</a> .

PREFIX	BUSINESS RULES: I - CDS-XML Schema Notes, Anomalies and Issues
<b>I1</b>	This is a known schema anomaly and has been registered for future resolution.
<b>I2</b>	See the specifications in the NHS Data Model and Dictionary for the specific format characteristics of this Data Element.
<b>I3</b>	There is no national requirement to flow <a href="#">Healthcare Resource Group 4 (HRG4)</a> through the Commissioning Data Sets, see <a href="#">DSCN 17/2008</a> .
<b>I4</b>	From Commissioning Data Set version 6-3 and Emergency Care Data Set V4 onwards, the NHS Data Model and Dictionary data set layout has been updated to correctly represent the existing requirements of the CDS-XML Schema for <a href="#">PERSON NAME STRUCTURED</a> and <a href="#">PERSON NAME UNSTRUCTURED</a>
<b>I5</b>	From Commissioning Data Set version 6-3 and Emergency Care Data Set V4 onwards, the NHS Data Model and Dictionary data set layout has been updated to

correctly represent the existing requirements of the CDS-XML Schema for [ADDRESS STRUCTURED](#) and [ADDRESS UNSTRUCTURED](#)

PREFIX	BUSINESS RULES: N - NHS Data Standards and Policy Rules
N1	Psychiatric PATIENTS only (Retired January 2021).
N2	<del>Not defined or approved by the <a href="#">Data Alliance Partnership Board</a> or its predecessors the <a href="#">Data Coordination Board</a>, <a href="#">Standardisation Committee for Care Information</a> and <a href="#">Information Standards Board for Health and Social Care</a>.</del>
N2	Not defined or approved by the <a href="#">Data Assurance Board</a> , <a href="#">Data Alliance Partnership Board</a> , <a href="#">Data Coordination Board</a> , <a href="#">Standardisation Committee for Care Information</a> and <a href="#">Information Standards Board for Health and Social Care</a> .
N3	The definition and value list for this data is under review.
N4	Up to 20 codes per daily activity occurrence may be recorded.
N5	This data should only flow in Commissioning Data Set version 6-1 for PATIENTS detained under the Mental Health Act prior to the Mental Health Act 2007 (Retired June 2015).
N6	This data should only flow in Commissioning Data Set version 6-2 for <a href="#">PATIENTS</a> detained under the Mental Health Act 2007.
N7	From Commissioning Data Set version 6-0 onwards, the use of the <a href="#">DETAINED AND (OR) LONG TERM PSYCHIATRIC CENSUS DATE</a> in the location group is <b>optional</b> as it <b>must</b> be carried in the Episode Characteristics.

PREFIX	BUSINESS RULES: S - Secondary Uses Service Business Rules
S1	This mandatory Commissioning Data Set date is used as the originating date to determine the mandatory <a href="#">CDS ACTIVITY DATE</a> .
S2	The Secondary Uses Service <b>DOES NOT</b> support the use of the CDS TEST INDICATOR. Therefore this Data Element must not be used (Retired June 2015).
S3	See <a href="#">Security Issues and Patient Confidentiality</a> , for further information.
S4	Used to ensure the correct sequencing of multiple and/or subsequent Commissioning Data Set submissions.
S5	These <a href="#">ORGANISATION CODES/ORGANISATION IDENTIFIERS</a> must be present and registered with the <a href="#">Secondary Uses Service</a> . The Commissioning Data Set Schema does not validate the content value of this data
S6	All <a href="#">CDS REPORT PERIOD START DATES</a> and <a href="#">CDS REPORT PERIOD END DATES</a> must be consistent in all Commissioning Data Set records contained in a BULK Interchange submission. The <a href="#">CDS REPORT PERIOD START DATE</a> must be on or before the <a href="#">CDS REPORT PERIOD END DATE</a> . The <a href="#">CDS ACTIVITY DATE</a> is a mandatory data element and must fall within the period defined. See the <a href="#">Commissioning Data Set Submission Protocol</a> .

<b>S7</b>	See the <a href="#">Commissioning Data Set Addressing Grid</a> .
<b>S8</b>	These Data Elements are required for correct processing by the <a href="#">Secondary Uses Service</a> . If omitted, the <a href="#">Secondary Uses Service</a> will reject the Commissioning Data Set data.
<b>S9</b>	The <a href="#">CDS UNIQUE IDENTIFIER</a> is a mandatory data item when using the Net Change Protocol. When using the Bulk Update Protocol this data item is optional but it is strongly advised that where it can be correctly generated and maintained it should be used. See the <a href="#">Commissioning Data Set Submission Protocol</a> .
<b>S10</b>	For <a href="#">CDS V6-2 Type 170 - Admitted Patient Care - Detained and or Long Term Psychiatric Census Commissioning Data Set</a> , the <a href="#">CDS ACTIVITY DATE</a> contains the <a href="#">CDS CENSUS DATE</a> which is also the <a href="#">DETAINED AND (OR) LONG TERM PSYCHIATRIC CENSUS DATE</a> .
<b>S11</b>	For the following <a href="#">CDS Types</a> , the <a href="#">CDS ACTIVITY DATE</a> must contain the Date of the Elective Admission List Census which is usually the end of the Period being reported: <a href="#">CDS V6-2 Type 030 - Elective Admission List - End of Period Census (Standard) Commissioning Data Set</a> <a href="#">CDS V6-2 Type 040 - Elective Admission List - End of Period Census (Old) Commissioning Data Set</a> <a href="#">CDS V6-2 Type 050 - Elective Admission List - End of Period Census (New) Commissioning Data Set</a>
<b>S12</b>	These <a href="#">PERSON BIRTH DATE</a> Data Elements must use dates between 01/01/1880 and 31/12/2999 in order to pass validation
<b>S13</b>	Data Elements reporting a date (which is not a <a href="#">PERSON BIRTH DATE</a> Data Element) must use dates between 01/01/1900 and 31/12/2999 in order to pass validation
<b>S14</b>	For Data Elements reporting a time, the hour portion must be between 00 and 23 inclusive in order to pass validation

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## CONTACT DETAILS

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Useful websites and email addresses.

- **NHS Data Model and Dictionary:**
  - Website: [NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service Web Pages](#)
  - Email: [information.standards@nhs.net](mailto:information.standards@nhs.net)
- **NHS Digital (now merged with [NHS England](#)):**
  - Website: [NHS Digital website](#)
  - Email: [enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk](mailto:enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk)

- **NHS England:**
  - Website: [NHS England website](#)
  - Email: [england.contactus@nhs.net](mailto:england.contactus@nhs.net)
- **Data Alliance Partnership Board:**
  - Website: [Data Alliance Partnership Board](#)
- **Data Alliance Partnership Board and Data Assurance Board:**
  - Website: [Governance of information standards](#)
- **Department of Health and Social Care:**
  - Website: [Department of Health and Social Care part of the gov.uk website](#)
  - Email: [dhsc.publicenquiries@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:dhsc.publicenquiries@dhsc.gov.uk)
- **Organisation Data Service Queries:**
  - Website: [Organisation Data Service](#)
  - Email: [exeter.helpdesk@nhs.net](mailto:exeter.helpdesk@nhs.net)
- **Postcodes:**
  - [Office for National Statistics](#) website at:
    - Welcome to the Office for National Statistics
    - [Postcode products](#).
  - Email: [info@ons.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:info@ons.gsi.gov.uk)

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## DATA ALLIANCE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

The [Data Alliance Partnership Board](#) is an [ORGANISATION](#).

The [Data Alliance Partnership Board](#) ([DAPB](#)) replaced the [Data Coordination Board](#) ([DCB](#)) on 20 November 2020.

From May 2024 the [Data Assurance Board](#) has been given delegated authority to approve [Information Standards Notices](#) on behalf of the [Data Alliance Partnership Board](#), who retain overall responsibility for the assurance and approvals process.

Key national [ORGANISATIONS](#) that use health and care data were brought together into a Data Alliance Partnership (DAP). The Data Alliance Partnership member [ORGANISATIONS](#), including the [Department of Health and Social Care](#), [NHS England](#), a wide range of Arm's Length Bodies and other [ORGANISATIONS](#) across health and adult social care, are committed to maximising the benefits from utilising and sharing data already held in health and care systems in order to minimise the burden of collecting more data from frontline service providers.

The [Data Alliance Partnership Board \(DAPB\)](#) supports member [ORGANISATIONS](#) achieve their goals and:

- Identifies and, wherever possible, reduces duplication of data collections
- Promotes consistent and comparable use of data in healthcare through the approval of [Information Standards and Data Collections \(including Extractions\)](#) (ISCEs) by its sub boards
- Identifies and, wherever possible, reduces duplication of data collections
- Increases the benefits from data already held by making data accessible for legitimate purposes within existing legislation – the principle of collect once, use many times
- Increases transparency by making clear what data the health care and adult social care system holds and how it is used - published as a single list of approved data collections
- Has responsibility for approving [Information Standards and Data Collections \(including Extractions\)](#) (ISCEs) used in health care and adult social care.
- Has responsibility for maintaining the overall governance and assurance framework for [Information Standards and Data Collections \(including Extractions\)](#) used in health care and adult social care.

~~Note: The [Data Alliance Partnership Board](#) is supported by the two boards which have devolved responsibility for scrutiny and assessment of recommendations made by the Data Standards Assurance Service (DSAS). Both boards review proposals for new and/or changes to existing [ISCEs](#) before making a recommendation for approval (or otherwise) to the [Data Alliance Partnership Board](#).~~  
Note: The [Data Alliance Partnership Board](#) is supported by the two boards ([Data Assurance Board](#) and [Data and Outcomes Board](#)) which have devolved responsibility for scrutiny and approval of recommendations made by the [Data Governance Assurance Team \(DGAT\)](#). Both boards review proposals for new and/or changes to existing [Information Standards and Data Collections \(including Extractions\)](#) before making a recommendation for approval (or otherwise) to the [Data Assurance Board](#):

- ~~The [Data Alliance Partnership Sub Board \(DAPSB\)](#) is responsible for health service recommendations for approval~~
- ~~The [Data and Outcomes Board \(DOB\)](#) is responsible for adult social care recommendations for approval.~~
- The [Data Assurance Board](#) is responsible for approving [Information Standards and Data Collections \(including Extractions\)](#)
- The [Data and Outcomes Board \(DOB\)](#) is responsible for approving adult social care [Information Standards and Data Collections \(including Extractions\)](#).

~~For further information on the [Data Alliance Partnership Board](#), see the [NHS England](#) website at: [Data Alliance Partnership Board](#).~~  
Note: Note; the scope of authority for [Information Standards and Data Collections \(including Extractions\)](#) is confined to England health and adult social care services only

For further information on the [Data Alliance Partnership Board](#), see the [NHS England](#) website at: [Governance of information standards](#).



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## DATA ASSURANCE BOARD

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Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

The [Data Assurance Board](#) is an [ORGANISATION](#).

The [Data Assurance Board](#) (DAB) is responsible for scrutinising and approving the publication of new, updated, or retired [Information Standards and Data Collections \(including Extractions\)](#) under the authority delegated by the [Data Alliance Partnership Board](#) (DAPB).

The [Data Assurance Board's](#) key responsibilities include:

- ensuring data standards align with the target data architecture
- approving and publishing [Information Standards and Data Collections \(including Extractions\)](#)
- evaluating the adoption of approved [Information Standards and Data Collections \(including Extractions\)](#), focusing on reducing duplication and provider burden.

From May 2024 the [Data Assurance Board](#) has been given delegated authority to approve [Information Standards Notices](#) on behalf of the [Data Alliance Partnership Board](#), who retain overall responsibility for the assurance and approvals process.

For further information on the [Data Assurance Board](#), see the [NHS England](#) website at: [Governance of information standards](#).

**This supporting information is also known by these names:**

Context	Alias
shortname	DAB

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## DATA DICTIONARY CHANGE NOTICE

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Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

A [Data Dictionary Change Notice](#) (DDCN) is a notice of a change to the NHS Data Model and Dictionary which is not appropriate for [Data Alliance Partnership Board](#) publication as an [Information Standards Notice](#), as the change does not relate to an individual standard. A [Data Dictionary Change Notice](#) (DDCN) is a notice of a change to the NHS Data Model and



Dictionary which is not appropriate for [Data Assurance Board](#) publication as an [Information Standards Notice](#), as the change does not relate to an individual standard.

The [Data Dictionary Change Notices](#) can be downloaded from: [Data Dictionary Change Notices](#).

Further information on [Data Dictionary Change Notices](#) can be found on the [NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service](#) part of the [NHS England](#) website at: [Policies: Data Dictionary Change Notice guidance](#).

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## IMPROVING ACCESS TO PSYCHOLOGICAL THERAPIES DATA SET OVERVIEW

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Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

The Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Data Set will be included in a future version of the [Mental Health Services Data Set](#).

[Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Services](#) are being renamed as NHS Talking Therapies for Anxiety and Depression, see [NHS Talking Therapies, for anxiety and depression](#).

### Introduction

The [Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Data Set](#) (IAPT) has been developed to support the [Adult Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Programme](#) through a regular national return of data. This includes for example: supporting commissioning, service improvement and service design.

The [Adult Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Programme](#) is an NHS programme in England, which started in 2008, that has transformed treatment of anxiety disorders and depression through the delivery of interventions approved by the [National Institute for Health and Care Excellence](#) (NICE).

The [Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Data Set](#) is a [PATIENT](#) level, output based, secondary uses data set which aims to deliver robust, comprehensive, nationally consistent and comparable information for [PATIENTS](#) accessing NHS-funded [Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Services](#) located in England.

As a secondary uses data set, the [Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Data Set](#) re-uses clinical and operational data for purposes other than direct [PATIENT](#) care. It defines the data items, definitions and associated value sets to be extracted or derived from local information systems. These national definitions allow [Health Care Providers](#) to extract data

from their local systems in a consistent manner, which supports national and local reporting to be undertaken.

The [Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Data Set](#) includes information on:

- [PATIENT](#) Demographics: including geographical, gender, age, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation and [DISABILITY](#)
- Care Pathways: referral details, Mental Health Care Cluster details and Presenting Complaints information
- [CARE CONTACTS](#) and [CARE ACTIVITIES: SESSION](#) details and any clinical, economic and social outcomes recorded relating to the interventions and coded scored assessments provided
- Waiting Time Pauses: [ACTIVITY SUSPENSION](#) periods across the [PATIENT](#)'s care pathway
- [Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Patient Experience Questionnaires](#): Improving Access to Psychological Therapies treatment and assessment questionnaires
- [National Tariff Payment System](#): Additional data items to support the introduction and development of a payment system for [Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Services](#)
- [Care Personnel](#): Qualifications of the [Care Personnel](#) delivering treatment.

## Submission Information

The [Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Data Set](#) is submitted centrally on a monthly basis via the [Strategic Data Collection Service in the Cloud](#) ([SDCS Cloud](#)) maintained by [NHS England](#).

## Format Information

[Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Data Set](#) submissions are made using the latest MS Access [Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Data Set](#) Intermediate Database (IDB) which is available for download from the [Technology Reference Update Distribution \(TRUD\)](#) page at: [Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Data Set Intermediate Database](#).

For guidance on downloading the Intermediate Database (IDB), see the [NHS England](#) website at: [Intermediate Database \(IDB\) guidance preparing the IDB for making submissions to the SDCS Cloud](#).

For enquiries regarding technical support for the Intermediate Database (IDB) files, please contact the National Service Desk at: [ssd.nationalservicedesk@nhs.net](mailto:ssd.nationalservicedesk@nhs.net).

## Further Guidance

Further guidance relating to the [Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Data Set](#) is available on the [NHS England](#) website: at [Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Data Set](#).

## Mandation

The Mandation column indicates the recommendation for the inclusion of data.

- M = Mandatory: this data element is mandatory and the technical process (e.g. submission of the data set, production of output etc) cannot be completed without this data element being present
- R = Required: NHS business processes cannot be delivered without this data element
- O = Optional: the inclusion of this data element is optional as required for local purposes
- P = Pilot: this data element is for piloting use only.

~~Note: items in the Mandation column which are shown with notation P have not been approved by the [Data Alliance Partnership Board](#) and are included to facilitate piloting and testing of future data requirements, prior to formal inclusion in later versions of the [Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Data Set](#).~~ Note: items in the Mandation column which are shown with notation P have **not** been approved by the [Data Assurance Board](#) and are included to facilitate piloting and testing of future data requirements, prior to formal inclusion in later versions of the [Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Data Set](#). These items have been included in the data set layout in order to provide advance notice to data providers and system suppliers of the intention to require these items at a later date. Unless [ORGANISATIONS](#) are engaged in piloting activities relating to these items, they should **NOT** submit any data item marked P.

## Data Set Constraints

For guidance on the Data Set constraints, see the [Improving Access to Psychological Therapies Data Set Constraints](#).

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### INFORMATION STANDARD AND DATA COLLECTION (INCLUDING EXTRACTIONS)

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Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

~~[Information Standards and Data Collections \(including Extractions\)](#) are approved by the [Data Alliance Partnership Board](#) (DAPB).~~ [Information Standards and Data Collections \(including Extractions\)](#) are approved by the [Data Assurance Board](#) (DAB).

From 20 November 2020, the [Data Alliance Partnership Board](#) took over responsibility for the approval of [Information Standards and Data Collections \(including Extractions\)](#) from the [Data Coordination Board](#). Further information on [Information Standards and Data Collections](#)

(including Extractions) can be found on the [NHS England](#) website at: [Governance of information standards](#).

Further information on [Information Standards and Data Collections \(including Extractions\)](#) can be found on the [NHS England](#) website: at [Information standards and data collections \(including extractions\)](#).

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## INFORMATION STANDARDS NOTICE

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Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

~~The release of [Information Standards Notices](#) is managed by the [Data Alliance Partnership Board \(DAPB\)](#).~~ Responsibility for publication of [Information Standards Notices](#) lies with the [Data Assurance Board \(DAB\)](#).

An [Information Standards Notice](#) was previously known as a [Data Set Change Notice \(DSCN\)](#).

An [Information Standards Notice \(ISN\)](#) is either a notice of an:

- Information Standard approved by the [Information Standards Board for Health and Social Care \(ISB\)](#)
- [Information Standard and Data Collection \(Including Extractions\) \(ISCE\)](#) accepted by the [Standardisation Committee for Care Information \(SCCI\)](#) for formal approval by the [Department of Health and Social Care](#) or [NHS England](#)
- [Information Standard and Data Collection \(Including Extractions\)](#) approved by the [Data Coordination Board \(DCB\)](#).
- ~~[Information Standard and Data Collection \(Including Extractions\)](#) approved by the [Data Alliance Partnership Board \(DAPB\)](#).~~
- [Information Standard and Data Collection \(Including Extractions\)](#) approved by the [Data Alliance Partnership Board \(DAPB\)](#) or [Data Assurance Board \(DAB\)](#).

When a health and social care [ORGANISATION](#) in England receives an [Information Standards Notice](#), they ensure that they and their contractors comply with the notice as specified.

~~Further information on [Information Standards Notices](#), see the [NHS England](#) website at [Information Standards and Collections \(Including Extractions\)](#).~~ Further information on [Information Standards Notices](#), see the [NHS England](#) website at: [Governance of information standards](#).

~~Details of all published [Information Standards Notices](#) can be found at the [NHS England](#) website: at [Publications and Notifications](#).~~ Details of all published [Information Standards Notices](#) can be found at the [NHS England](#) website: at [Latest activity for information standards](#).

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## MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DATA SET OVERVIEW

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Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

### Introduction

The [Mental Health Services Data Set \(MHSDS\)](#) is a [PATIENT](#) level, output based secondary uses data set which aims to deliver robust, comprehensive, nationally consistent and comparable person-based information for [PATIENTS](#) who are in contact with [Mental Health Services](#).

The [Mental Health Services Data Set](#) covers [Mental Health Services](#) located in England, or located outside England but treating [PATIENTS](#) commissioned by an English [Integrated Care Board](#), [NHS England](#) specialised commissioner or an [NHS-led Provider Collaborative](#).

As a secondary uses data set, the [Mental Health Services Data Set](#) re-uses clinical and operational data for purposes other than direct [PATIENT](#) care, and defines the data items, definitions and associated value sets to be extracted or derived from local information systems.

All [ACTIVITY](#) relating to [PATIENTS](#) who receive assessments and treatment from [Mental Health Services](#) is within the scope of the [Mental Health Services Data Set](#), where the [PATIENT](#) has, or are thought to have:

- A mental health condition and/or
- A need for support with their mental wellbeing and/or
- A [Learning Disability](#) and/or
- [Autism](#) or any other neurodevelopmental condition.

The scope of the [Mental Health Services Data Set](#) requires [PATIENT](#) record level data submission from [SERVICES](#) as follows:

- For each [PATIENT](#) attending a [SERVICE](#) located in England:
  - If the care is wholly funded by the NHS: the data submission for that [PATIENT](#) is mandatory
  - If the care is partially funded by the NHS: the data submission for that [PATIENT](#) is mandatory
  - If the care is wholly funded by any means that is not NHS: the data submission for that [PATIENT](#) is optional.
- For each [PATIENT](#) attending a [SERVICE](#) located outside England, but commissioned by an English [Integrated Care Board](#) or [NHS England](#) specialised commissioner, the data submission is optional but may be a requirement of the commissioning arrangements.

The [Mental Health Services Data Set](#) is used across the range of [Health Care Providers](#) and [ORGANISATIONS](#) that provide [Mental Health Services](#) (irrespective of funding arrangements) including:

- [NHS Trust](#) or [NHS Foundation Trust](#) delivering Mental Health and acute [PATIENT](#) care
- [Independent Sector Healthcare Providers](#) offering a service model that includes NHS funded and non-NHS funded [PATIENTS](#)
- Voluntary sector [Health Care Providers](#)
- Any qualified provider offering [Mental Health Services](#)
- Community [SERVICES](#) offering secondary care to children.

## Submission information

The [Mental Health Services Data Set](#) is submitted centrally via the [Strategic Data Collection Service in the Cloud](#) ([SDCS Cloud](#)) maintained by [NHS England](#).

A multiple submission window model for the [Mental Health Services Data Set](#) has been available to submitters since 1 April 2020. This allows submitters to resubmit data for each full financial year, rather than by the previous primary and refresh methods of submissions.

Guidance on the submission model can be found on the [NHS England](#) website at:

- [Submitting Mental Health Services Data Set \(MHSDS\) data](#)
- [Multiple Submission Window Model for MHSDS](#).

## Further guidance

Further information regarding the structure and submission of the [Mental Health Services Data Set](#) can be found on the [NHS England](#) website at: [Mental Health Services Data Set \(MHSDS\)](#).

## Mandation

The Mandation column indicates the recommendation for the inclusion of data.

- M = Mandatory: this data element is mandatory and the technical process (e.g. submission of the data set, production of output etc) cannot be completed without this data element being present
- R = Required: NHS business processes cannot be delivered without this data element
- O = Optional: the inclusion of this data element is optional as required for local purposes
- P = Pilot: this data element is for piloting use only.

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Health Services Data Set. Note: items in the Mandation column which are shown with notation P have **not** been approved by the Data Assurance Board and are included to facilitate piloting and testing of future data requirements, prior to formal inclusion in later versions of the Mental Health Services Data Set. These items have been included in the data set layout in order to provide advance notice to data providers and system suppliers of the intention to require these items at a later date. Unless ORGANISATIONS are engaged in piloting activities relating to these items, they should **NOT** submit any data item marked P.

**Data Set Constraints**

For guidance on the Data Set constraints, see the Mental Health Services Data Set Constraints.

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**ETHNIC CATEGORY 2021**

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Change to Attribute: Changed Description

The ethnicity of a PERSON, as specified by the PERSON.

ETHNIC CATEGORY 2021 is the classification used for the 2021 census.

~~Note: This item has not been approved by the Data Alliance Partnership Board.~~  
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**ETHNIC CATEGORY 2021**

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Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	max an3
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

**Notes:**

ETHNIC CATEGORY 2021 is the same as attribute ETHNIC CATEGORY 2021.



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#### ETHNIC CATEGORY 2021 (BABY)

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Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	max an3
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

#### Notes:

[ETHNIC CATEGORY 2021 \(BABY\)](#) is the same as attribute [ETHNIC CATEGORY 2021](#) for the baby.

For the [National Neonatal Data Set](#), [ETHNIC CATEGORY 2021 \(BABY\)](#) is the ethnicity of the baby as specified by the mother in a [Maternity Episode](#).

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#### ETHNIC CATEGORY 2021 (FATHER)

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Format/Length:	max an3
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

#### Notes:

[ETHNIC CATEGORY 2021 \(FATHER\)](#) is the same as attribute [ETHNIC CATEGORY 2021](#) for the father.

For the [National Neonatal Data Set - Episodic and Daily Care](#), [ETHNIC CATEGORY 2021 \(FATHER\)](#):

- Is the ethnicity of the father in a [Maternity Episode](#)
- Refers to the genetic father of the baby. Where details of the genetic father are unknown, this field should be omitted.

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#### ETHNIC CATEGORY 2021 (MOTHER)

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Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	max an3
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

#### Notes:

[ETHNIC CATEGORY 2021 \(MOTHER\)](#) is the same as attribute [ETHNIC CATEGORY 2021](#) for the mother.

For the [National Neonatal Data Set - Episodic and Daily Care](#), [ETHNIC CATEGORY 2021 \(MOTHER\)](#) is the ethnicity of the mother in a [Maternity Episode](#).

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