

# NHS Data Model and Dictionary



<b>Type:</b>	Data Dictionary Change Notice
<b>Reference:</b>	1893
<b>Version No:</b>	1.0
<b>Subject:</b>	Update to Discharge Ready Date NHS Business Definition
<b>Effective Date:</b>	21 March 2023
<b>Reason for Change:</b>	Clarification of Definition
<b>Publication Date:</b>	21 March 2023

## Background:

This Data Dictionary Change Notice (DDCN) updates the NHS Business Definition for Discharge Ready Date.

The changes to the definition are designed to clarify that providers should record the Discharge Ready Date as the start date of the final period that a patient no longer met the Criteria to Reside in hospital. This was the intent of the previous definition, but the wording was open to incorrect interpretation.

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](#).

## Summary of changes:

### Supporting Information

[DISCHARGE READY DATE](#) Changed Description

**Date:** 21 March 2023

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**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.

## Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

[Discharge Ready Date](#) is an [ACTIVITY DATE TIME](#).

[Discharge Ready Date](#) is the date that a [PATIENT](#) no longer met the 'Criteria to Reside' in a [Hospital Bed](#). Note that [Discharge Ready Date](#) is not the same as the [Estimated Discharge Date \(Hospital Provider Spell\)](#) and is recorded separately.

The status of a [PATIENT](#) within a [Hospital Provider Spell](#) who is awaiting discharge may change from no longer meeting the 'Criteria to Reside' in a [Hospital Bed](#), to once again meeting the 'Criteria to Reside' in a [Hospital Bed](#), if the clinical condition of the [PATIENT](#) deteriorates while awaiting discharge for any reason.

The 'Criteria to Reside' are set out in Annex D of the 'Hospital discharge and community support guidance' document part of the gov.uk website at: [Criteria to Reside](#).

Usage in the [Commissioning Data Sets](#) version 6-2 and [Commissioning Data Sets](#) version 6-3:

~~For Finished [Care Professional Admitted Care Episodes](#), the [Discharge Ready Date](#) should record the final time that the [PATIENT](#) no longer met the 'Criteria to Reside' in a [Hospital Bed](#), if applicable.~~ For Finished [Care Professional Admitted Care Episodes](#), the [Discharge Ready Date](#) should record the start date of the final period that the [PATIENT](#) no longer met the 'Criteria to Reside' in a [Hospital Bed](#) for that episode of care.

~~For Unfinished [Care Professional Admitted Care Episodes](#), the [Discharge Ready Date](#) should show the latest date that the [PATIENT](#) no longer met the 'Criteria to Reside', if applicable.~~ For Unfinished [Care Professional Admitted Care Episodes](#), the [Discharge Ready Date](#) should record the start date of the current period that the [PATIENT](#) no longer met the 'Criteria to Reside', if applicable for the current episode of care.

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