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<b>IRSS</b> <b>Information Requirements and</b> <b>Standards Sub Committee</b>	Subject:  <b>Data Standards: Deletion of Central</b> <b>Return Form KC52</b>
	Implementation date: Immediate

### **DATA SET CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE**

**This paper gives notification of the ceasing to collect Central Return KC52**

#### **Summary of change:**

KC52 being ceased as a Central Return

<b><i>Change Proposal Reference No:</i></b> <b><i>IRSS/OC/10/02/03</i></b>
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## DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE 23/2002 (W)

**Reference:** IRSS 0C/10/02/03  
**Subject:** Deletion of Central Return Form KC52  
**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Reason for cessation of data collection:**

- The data was not fit for purpose in that a lack of consistency in the way the data was collected and recorded meant that it could not be used for its original purpose - to monitor child health surveillance programmes. Problems identified in the last review of the return are:
  - The age at which health check are carried out vary which results in difficulties defining the target population;
  - School health programmes have varied from trust to trust and over time and are based on academic years whereas the form is financial year based.

Department of Health dropped this return in 1991 after collecting only one year's data and have not yet replaced it.

- The data was not routinely published and in recent years there has been no interest in the data.
- Data on many NHS Trusts' Child Health Surveillance programmes is recorded on the Child Health System and are proposed as part of the Child Health Minimum Dataset (CHIRP2 project). This source will supply an alternative and hopefully more consistent source of information for monitoring child health programmes.

**Effects of cessation:** This aggregate collection will be superseded when the CHIRP2 dataset is fully implemented

**Costs:** Ceasing the collection will result in a small cost saving for NHS Trusts in not having to collate the data for return to the Welsh Assembly Government. A small saving will also be made by the Welsh Assembly Government in processing and analysis costs which, given the interest in the data, were minimal.

**Effect on Data Dictionary:** This has no effect on the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.