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<b>IRSS</b> <b>Information Requirements and</b> <b>Standards Sub Committee</b>	<b>Subject:</b> Data Standards: Discontinuation of Welsh Core Indicators Datasets
	<b>Implementation date:</b> Data Collection of WCI Indicators ceased from the 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2003 (this is a retrospective DSCN)

#### DATA SET CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE

**This paper gives notification of changes to be included in the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.**

#### Summary of change:

Notification of the cessation of the Welsh Core Indicators with the exception of the Community Nursing Indicators

<b>Change Proposal Reference No:</b> <b>IRSS 03/07/01</b>
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The Information Requirements and Standards Sub Committee (IRSS), is responsible for approving information standards.

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## **DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE (W)**

**Reference:** IRSS 03/07

**Subject:** Discontinuation of Welsh Core Indicators Datasets (WCI)

**Effective Date:** From 1st July 2003 (retrospective)

**Summary of Changes:** This DSCN will highlight the changes, which will be made to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary, to remove references to the WCI.

These changes will be made to Ver 2.4 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary. See Annexe A for detailed description of changes to be made to the Data Dictionary.

### **Background:**

The WHC (2003) 89 described the outcome of a review of the Welsh Core Indicators data. The review concluded that the data collected was not relevant or useful, and there was little motivation for their use. It recommended that the collection of the Welsh Core Indicators be stopped. The Information Requirement & Standards Sub-Committee (IRSS) agreed to the de-commissioning but accepted the proposal in the review that the 8 Community Nurse Indicators still be collected, 5 of which were collected as Welsh Core Indicators (the subject of a separate DSCN 02/04).

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## Annexe A – Changes to NHS Wales Data Dictionary

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### CHANGES

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*Change type:*                      *Rewording of main section*

Under the section Data Items and Terms Grouped by Data Set , and under the title ‘**Welsh Core Indicators (WCI)**’, remove all references to WCI Terms and replace with following text: -

Following a review of the Welsh Core Indicators a decision was made to discontinue collection of all indicators, apart from Community Nursing Indicators (which will be collected, with unchanged data definitions) commencing March 2004).

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*Change type:*                      *Remove from section*

Delete the following from the section on “NHS Wales Indicators” :-

Welsh Core Indicators (WCI) for NHS Trusts 2003/04  
Welsh Core Indicators (WCI) for Health Authorities  
Welsh Core Indicators for Ambulance Trusts 2004/04

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*Change type:*                      *Remove references to WCI in Data Items*

Removing the references to WCI against the following data items:

Accident And Emergency Attendance  
Accident And Emergency Major Units  
Admission Method  
Beds  
Cancelled Operation  
Community Mental Health Teams  
Complaint  
Contact  
Continuing Care Plan  
Day Case

Decision To Admit  
Elective Admission  
Emergency Admission  
First Contact  
First Contact In The Financial Year  
First Out-Patient Appointment  
Gp Practice  
High Dependency Care  
Individual Clinic Appointment Time  
In-Patients  
Local Authority Care  
Long Stay Patient  
Minor Casualty Attendance  
Minor Casualty Units  
Multi Disciplinary Assessment  
Named Nurse  
New Out-Patient  
Out Of Area Treatments (Oats)  
Out-Patient Attendances  
Patient  
Postponed Operation  
Postponements  
Supervision Order  
Surveillance  
Total Waiting Time  
Urgent  
Waiting Times  
Ward  
Wound Infection

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