IRSS **Information Requirements and Standards Sub Committee**	**Subject:** To amend the All Wales Data Dictionary entry for the data term 'Ward Type at Start of Episode'
	Implementation date: Immediately

DATA SET CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE

Summary of change:

All Wales Data Dictionary – data term 'Ward Type at Start of Episode'; the re-introduction of the sub-element '8' to signify not specified ward types.

The change will be made to version 2.5 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

This DSCN replaces DSCN 17/04(W) version 1 which proposed to introduce a sub-element of '3'.

DSCN17/04(W) version 2 was raised and approved under Request Change Notification 05/04 version 2.

> *Change Proposal Reference No:*
> *IRSS 20040924/01/OCC*

The Information Requirements and Standards Sub Committee (IRSS), is responsible for approving information standards.

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DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE 17/04(W)

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Effective Date: September 2004

Reason of Change: All Wales Data Dictionary data term 'Ward Type at Start of Episode' will be amended to re-introduce the sub-element '8' to signify non-specified wards.

Background:

Ward Type values are derived from a concatenation of sub-elemental values to classify the type of ward to which the patient is assigned within a consultant episode. At present, the 4th of the 7 element value allows codes for male, female and 'home leave'.

Before version 2.3 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary, the value of '8' was also used to signify a 'Not Specified' Ward Type. This value was removed from subsequent versions, thus introducing the inability to identify non-specific wards

Version 1 of RCN 05/04 introduced the value of '3' to identify mixed-sex wards. However, following a request for comment from NHS Wales Trusts, it has been determined that a re-introduction of the value of '8' would best serve information quality in terms of consistency and continuity. This value will also cover, for example, mixed-sex and age-specific wards.

By the re-introduction of this value, it will eliminate the need for Trusts to alter their information systems such as PAS.

Impact in Wales:

The Data Dictionary data term definitions for 'Ward Type at Start of Episode' will change to allow for non-specified wards. Trusts will be able to account for the correct designation of Ward Type in APC and other central returns.

Changes To The NHS Wales Data Dictionary:

Appendix A shows the current data dictionary (version 2.4) entry.

Appendix B shows the proposed replacement entry for dissemination to the NHS Wales information community via a Dataset Change Notice (DSCN) and inclusion in the Data Dictionary version 2.5.

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Appendix A: Current Dictionary Entry

Ward Type at Start of Episode

(APC ds99)

Identifies the ward type at start of consultant episode. This is the description of the characteristics of a ward which covers resources available to intended users. A ward is classified according to the characteristics of the majority of beds within it.

Format: 7 digit numeric

Value	Meaning
AABCDEF	
AA= Clinical care intensity	
General	
11	for intensive therapy
12	for normal therapy: where resources permit the admission of patients who might need all but intensive therapy
13	for limited therapy: where nursing care rather than continuous medical care is provided. Such wards can be used only for patients carefully selected and restricted to a narrow range in terms of the extent and nature of the disease
Younger physically disabled	
21	spinal unit, only those units that are nationally recognised
22	other units
Neonates	
31	regionally designated: not associated with the maternity ward and in which there are some regionally designated cots for intensive care
32	non-maternity: not associated with the maternity ward and without regionally designated cots for

	intensive care
33	maternity: associated with the maternity ward in that cots are in the maternity ward nursery or in the ward itself

Maternity

41	only for patients looked after by consultants
42	for joint use by consultants and GMPs
43	only for patients looked after by GMPs

Mental Illness

51	for intensive care, a regionally designated or interim secure unit
52	for short stay: patients intended to stay less than a year
53	for long stay: patients intended to stay a year or more

Learning Disabilities

61	regionally designated or interim secure unit
62	short stay: patients intended to stay less than a year
63	long stay: patients intended to stay a year or more

Home leave

71	home leave: non-psychiatric
72	home leave: psychiatric

Other

| 81 | Terminally ill/palliative care |

See **Ward Type**, **Younger Physically Disabled** and **Home Leave**, Terms (A-Z)

B = Age

1	Neonates
2	Children and adolescents
3	Elderly
8	Any age
9	Home leave

C = Sex

1	**Male**
2	**Female**
9	**Home leave**

D = Provider type

1	NHS hospital provider
2	Non-NHS hospital provider
9	Home leave

E = Number of days
open during the day

0 - 7	
9	Home leave

F = Number of days
open at night

0 - 7	
9	Home leave
7199999	Home leave: non-psychiatric
7299999	Home leave: psychiatric

Appendix B: Proposed Change

Ward Type at Start of Episode

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_**8**_	_**Not Specified**_
9	**Home leave**

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| 1 | NHS hospital provider |
| 2 | Non-NHS hospital provider |

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0 - 7	
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