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WIGSB Welsh Information Governance and Standards Board	Subject: To increase the scope of the Diagnostic and Therapy Services Waiting Times data collection to include certain Diagnostic Endoscopy Procedures
	Implementation date: 1 st September 2007

DATASET CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE

Summary of change:

The purpose of this DSCN is to inform providers and suppliers of the inclusion of certain diagnostic endoscopy procedures in the monthly data collection of the Diagnostic and Therapy Services Waiting Times.

This DSCN should be read in conjunction with DSCN (2007) 13 (W) which covers the removal of waits for certain diagnostic endoscopies from the waiting times data collection for inpatient and day case admissions and first outpatient appointments (PP01W).

These changes will be applied in version 2.17 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary

WIGSB Reference No: 20070913001
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0.04	27/04/07	JE	Part of WIGSB Submission
0.05	28/08/07	JE	Updated following resolution of reporting duplicates to bring DSCN in line with the current version of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary and ensure consistency with DSCN (2007) AU(W)
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DATASET CHANGE NOTICE (2007) 12 (W)

- Reference:** WIGSB 20070913001
- Subject:** To increase the scope of the Diagnostic and Therapy Services Waiting Times data collection to include certain Diagnostic Endoscopy Procedures.
- Reason for Change:** To enable the monitoring of waits for certain diagnostic endoscopy procedures in line with 'Designed for Life'.
- Implementation Date:** 1st September 2007

1. Background:

The Access 2009 Project was established to support the achievement of the 26 week total patient pathway. This pathway covers the wait from referral to treatment and includes waiting times for any required diagnostic tests and therapies.

Currently waiting times are reported monthly across a range of specified diagnostic and therapy services. To date, diagnostic endoscopy procedures have been excluded.

Between January and March, a pilot project was undertaken to collect aggregated data on waits for certain diagnostic endoscopy procedures.

Following this pilot collection, this DSCN informs the service of the inclusion of waiting times for certain diagnostic endoscopy procedures in the monthly Diagnostic and Therapy Services Waiting Times data collection.

2. Impact for Trusts:

- 2.1 Trusts will include the aggregated counts for these diagnostic endoscopy procedures in their monthly data collection of Diagnostic and Therapy Services Waiting Times.
- 2.2 This change is to take effect from 1st September 2007 (that is, the return which is sent to HSW within 10 working days from the 30th September 2007).
- 2.3 The list of relevant diagnostic endoscopy procedures is included in this DSCN and will form Appendix k of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

Changes:

The Data Items linked to this change can be found in Appendix A.

Changes to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary are to be found in Appendix B.

The changes as they will appear in the NHS Wales Data Dictionary can be found in Appendix C.

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Appendix A

The following table shows all Data Items that are linked with the changes documented within this DSCN.

Data Items			
New Items	Item Deleted	Definition Changed	Definition Not affected
-	-	Service Heading	-
		Sub Heading	
		Data Reference	

Appendix B: Proposed Changes

Changes to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary are detailed below, with new text being highlighted in **blue** and deletions identified with a **strikethrough**.

The shaded text identifies text which has been copied from the NHS Wales Data Dictionary

a) Under the section 'Diagnostic and Therapy Services Waiting Times', which is located under the chapter 'Aggregate Waiting Times Returns' (introduced in DSCN (2007) 08 (W) Referral to Treatment Time Reporting Requirements)

Diagnostic and Therapy Services Waiting Times

More:

[Background and Definitions](#)

[DT Monthly Data Collection – Details of Return](#)

[Services](#)

Background and Definitions

1. In July 2001 the 'Waiting Times Strategy' confirmed a commitment to extend publication of waiting times to include diagnostic and therapy services.

Consequently, a new monthly data collection was piloted to cover referrals to specified diagnostic and therapy practice.

2. In May 2003, the success of the pilot was announced and the continuation of the monthly collection was confirmed.

3. The data submission became mandatory in 2004.

4. In January 2007 a pilot was undertaken to enable the monitoring of services to meet the 'Designed for Life' 26 weeks wait from referral to treatment targets. WHC (2007) 002 was issued to mandate a new file format for the Diagnostics and Therapies Waiting Times. This new file format will provide consistency across all wait returns. This WHC also mandated the requirement to provide waits in revised weekly time bands.

5. From April 2007, 5 additional diagnostic tests are mandated as part of the Diagnostic and Therapy Services Waiting Times data collection.

6. From September 2007, diagnostic endoscopy procedures are mandated as part of the Diagnostic and Therapy Services Waiting Times data collection.

DT Monthly Data Collection – Details of Return

All files are to be submitted in CSV format, without a header record.

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Where:

xxx = Trust Code

mm = number of the month to which the data relates

yy = last two digits of the year

The file will have the following format: -

Field Order	Format
Data Reference	'DT' 2 character alpha
Return Date	ccyymmdd
Hospital Site	Max 50 character alpha numeric characters
Local Health Board (LHB)	3 character alpha numeric characters (**)
Trust Code	3 character alpha numeric characters
Service Heading	A-alpha Nnumeric
Sub Heading	Aalpha Nnumeric
Weeks Wait	alpha Nnumeric
Count	Nnumeric

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** - It is not essential for Trusts to complete this item but is desirable if possible.

b) Under the chapter 'Data Items (A-Z)': -

- Changes to existing data items:-

**Data Reference
(DT Waiting Times/RTT)**

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Must be one of the following: -

For Diagnostic and Therapy Services Waiting Times: -

Value	Return Type
IE	Inpatient Diagnostic Endoscopy
DE	Day Case Diagnostic Endoscopy
OE	Outpatient Diagnostic Endoscopy
DT	For all other specified Diagnostic and Therapy Services

Format: 2 character alpha-numeric

**Service Heading
(DT Waiting Times)**

Name of specified diagnostic and therapy services for which **included in** the **M**onthly **C**ollection of Waiting Times is based **data**.

Specified services and therapies are: -

Radiology – GP Referral

Radiology – Consultant Referral

Cardiology

Audiology

Arts Therapies

Dietetics

Physiotherapy

Occupational Therapy

Speech & Language

Podiatry

Imaging

Neurophysiology

Physiological measurement

Diagnostic Endoscopy

These are sub-divided into [Service Sub Headings](#).

Service Sub Heading (DT Waiting Times)

Sub divisions of the specified services used for the Monthly Collection of Waiting Times of Diagnostic and Therapy Services.

See [Service Heading](#)

Service	Service Sub Heading	Additional Information
Radiology – GP Referral Radiology – Consultant Referral	Barium Enema C.T. M.R. Non-Obstetric Ultrasound Nuclear Medicine	Waiting time from waiting list date until census date. Patients are removed from the waiting list on the date the diagnostic test for which they are waiting is carried out
Cardiology	Stress Test Echo Cardiogram	A stress test is a non-invasive procedure to record the heart's electrical activity during exercise. An echo cardiogram is a non-invasive ultrasound procedure used to diagnose cardiovascular disease. Waiting times from waiting list date until the census date. Patients are removed from the waiting list on the date the diagnostic test for which they have been referred is carried out.
Audiology (Adult Hearing Aids)	Consultant GP	A hearing aid is described as an externally worn electrical listening device. Waiting times from waiting list date until the census date. Patients are removed from the waiting list on the date their hearing aid is fitted.

Service	Service Sub Heading	Additional Information
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Physiotherapy	Adults Paediatrics	Waiting time from waiting list date until the census date. Patients are removed from the waiting list on the Date of Commencement of Episode Care (Diagnostic and Therapy Services.)
Occupational Therapy	Adults Paediatrics Learning Disabilities Mental Health	Waiting time from waiting list date until the census date. Patients are removed from the waiting list on the Date of Commencement of Episode Care (Diagnostic and Therapy Services.)
Speech & Language	Adults Paediatrics Learning Disabilities Mental Health	Waiting time from waiting list date until the census date. Patients are removed from the waiting list on the Date of Commencement of Episode Care (Diagnostic and Therapy Services.)
Arts Therapies	Learning Disabilities Mental Health	Waiting time from waiting list date until the census date. Patients are removed from the waiting list on the Date of Commencement of Episode Care (Diagnostic and Therapy Services.)

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Service	Service Sub Heading	Additional Information
Diagnostic Endoscopy	Gastroscopy Flexible Sigmoidoscopy Colonoscopy Cystoscopy Bronchoscopy	Endoscopy is the direct visual examination of any part of the interior of the body by means of an optical viewing instrument. Waiting time from waiting list date until census date.

c) New Appendix to be added to the Chapter 'Appendices'

Appendix k – OPCS Reference Codes Lists

1. OPCS codes for Diagnostic Endoscopy procedures relevant to waiting times data collections

Please Note:

These codes are to be used for the INCLUSION of Diagnostic Endoscopies in the Diagnostic and Therapy Services Waiting Times data collection.

1. Endoscopy – Gastroscopy

OPCS 4.3 CODE	DESCRIPTION OF TEST/PROCEDURE
G45.1	Fibreoptic endoscopic examination of upper gastrointestinal tract and biopsy of lesion of upper gastrointestinal tract
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G45.8	Other specified fibreoptic endoscopic examination of upper gastrointestinal tract
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1.1 Duodenoscopy (limited examination of duodenum only)

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1.2 Jejunoscopy

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1.3 Other

OPCS 4.3 CODE	DESCRIPTION OF TEST/PROCEDURE
G16	Diagnostic fiberoptic endoscopic examination of oesophagus

2. Endoscopy – Colonoscopy

OPCS 4.3 CODE	DESCRIPTION OF TEST/PROCEDURE
H22.1	Diagnostic fiberoptic endoscopic examination of colon and biopsy of lesion of colon
H22.8	Other specified endoscopic examination of colon
H22.9	Unspecified diagnostic endoscopic examination of colon

2.1 Ileoscopy/Enteroscopy

OPCS 4.3 CODE	DESCRIPTION OF TEST/PROCEDURE
G80.1	Diagnostic endoscopic examination of ileum and biopsy of lesion of ileum
G80.2	Wireless capsule endoscopy
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3. Endoscopy - Flexible Sigmoidoscopy

OPCS 4.3 CODE	DESCRIPTION OF TEST/PROCEDURE
H25.1	Diagnostic endoscopic examination of lower bowel and biopsy of lesion of lower bowel using fiberoptic sigmoidoscope
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4. Cystoscopy

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OPCS 4.3 CODE	DESCRIPTION OF TEST/PROCEDURE
M30.1	Endoscopic retrograde pyelography
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M30.3	Endoscopic ureteric urine sampling
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5. Bronchoscopy

OPCS 4.3 CODE	DESCRIPTION OF TEST/PROCEDURE
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Appendix C - Data Items and Term as they will appear in the Data Dictionary.

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1.3_Other

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