

WELSH INFORMATION STANDARDS BOARD

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DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE

A Data Set Change Notice (DSCN) is an information mandate for a new or revised information standard.

This DSCN was approved by the Welsh Information Standards Board (WISB) at its meeting on the 19th January 2012

WISB Reference: ISRN 2011/005

Summary:

To amend the data definition for 'Outcome of Attendance' to enable the reporting of valid attendance outcomes for specialties not subject to Referral to Treatment Times (RTT) measurement.

Data sets / returns affected:

Outpatient Data Set

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The Welsh Information Standards Board is responsible for appraising information standards. Submission documents and WISB Outcomes relating to the approval of this standard can be found at:

<http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/page.cfm?orgid=742&pid=24632>

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Introduction

[DSCN \(2007\) 01 \(W\)](#) mandated a change to the reporting of 'Outcome of Attendance' within the Outpatient data set, introducing new values designed to capture the effect on a Referral to Treatment Times (RTT) period of each outpatient attendance.

The changed codes do not enable the reporting of a valid code for specialties that are not subject to RTT measurement, such as Mental Health. Since the introduction of DSCN (2007) 01 (W), Local Health Boards (LHBs) and Trusts have regularly queried how to report activity not subject to RTT measurement, with most working up local workarounds whereby the RTT-specific codes were used.

This DSCN introduces a valid 'Outcome of Attendance' code for specialties not subject to RTT measurement.

Description of Change

The 'Outcome of Attendance' data item within the Outpatients data set has been updated to include a value of '9 – Speciality Not Subject to Referral to Treatment Times (RTT) Measurement'.

Data Dictionary Version

Where applicable, this DSCN reflects changes introduced by DSCN and/or DDCN since the release of version 3.3 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

The changes introduced by such DSCNs will be published in version 3.4 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

Actions Required

Actions for Local Health Boards / Trusts:

- Update local data collection processes within appropriate systems (e.g. PAS) to ensure the appropriate reporting of 'Outcome of Attendance' codes within the Outpatient data set.

Actions for the NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS):

- Update national data processing and validation services (e.g. NHS Wales Data Switching and Validation at Source services) to allow for the reporting of the revised values for 'Outcome of Attendance', within the outpatient data set.
- Ensure all tools associated with the monitoring and reporting of outpatient activity data validity (e.g. Outpatient Activity Data Validity Performance Monitoring Report) fully reflect the code change outlined within this DSCN.

Appendix A: Table reflecting areas that are impacted as a result of this DSCN

The following table shows all the data sets, data items, terms and other associated areas that are linked with the changes documented within this DSCN.

Each data definition type is listed in alphabetical order and is shown in the sequence in which it appears in this DSCN.

Data Definition Type	Name	New / Retired / Changed	Page
Data Items	Outcome of Attendance	Changed	4

Appendix B: Highlighted changes to be made to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary

Changes to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary are detailed below, with new text being highlighted in **blue** and deletions are shown with a ~~strikethrough~~. The text shaded in **grey** shows existing text copied from the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

Changes to Data Items

Outcome of Attendance

Change History	
DSCN 2011 / AO	Outcome of Attendance
DSCN 2010 / O6	Outpatient Activity Minimum Data Set (OP MDS) Data Validity Standards
DSCN 2010 / O1	Revisions to the Emergency Department Data Set
DSCN (2009) 02 (W)	Emergency Department Data Set
DSCN (2007) 01 (W)	Referral to Treatment
DSCN (2006) 01 (W)	To introduce Independent Nurse Activity in the Outpatient ds + QS1

This data item is / was included in the following data sets / collections between the dates shown:

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
OP	1 st April 1999	
EDDS	1 st April 2009	

FOR OUTPATIENTS DATA SET:

This records the outcome of the Outpatient Attendance:

Format: 1 digit numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
1	Discharged from Consultant care (last attendance) or Independent Nurse	1 st April 1999	31 st March 2007
2	Another appointment given	1 st April 1999	31 st March 2007
3	Appointment to be made at a later date	1 st April 1999	31 st March 2007
4	Referral to Treatment Period Start Point	1 st April 2007	
5	Referral to Treatment Period Stop Point	1 st April 2007	
6	Referral to Treatment Continuation of Status	1 st April 2007	
9	Specialty Not Subject to Referral to Treatment Times Measurement	1 st April 2012	

The full definitions and implementation guidance for these new codes are the responsibility of the Access 2009 Project. Implementation guidelines can be found in WHC (2006) 081, with further guidance being issued under subsequent WHCs.

FOR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT DATA SET:

This records the outcome of the Accident and Emergency Department Attendance.

Format: 2 digit numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
01	Admitted to same Hospital within Local Health Board	1 st April 2009	
02	Admitted to other Hospital within Local Health Board	1 st April 2009	
03	Transferred to different Local Health Board	1 st April 2009	
04	Referred to Outpatient Department	1 st April 2009	
05	Referred to GP	1 st April 2009	
06	Referred to Other Healthcare Professional	1 st April 2009	
07	No Planned Follow-up	1 st April 2009	
08	Planned Follow-up at Accident and Emergency Department	1 st April 2009	
09	Patient Self Discharged without Clinical Consent	1 st April 2009	
10	Died in Department	1 st April 2009	
11	Patient Dead on Arrival	1 st February 2010	

Note: '11 – Dead on Arrival' should only be recorded for patients who have been certified as dead on arrival by a clinician in the Accident and Emergency Department