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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 July 2012

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Summary: Introduction of the Infant Feeding Data Requirements.

Data sets / returns affected: n/a

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Introduction

To improve the quality of infant feeding data in Wales the Breastfeeding Strategy Implementation Group has defined a set of infant feeding data requirements.

The Welsh Government requires information on the feeding status of infants at specific ages. The timing of contacts with Health Visitors will vary according to local practice but the feeding status should relate to infants at **10 days, 6 weeks and 6 months of age**.

From September 2012, as part of routine health surveillance, Health Visitors are required to collect and report the information described in this DSCN.

Currently the Child Health System (CCH2000) is used by all service providers in Wales. A Breastfeeding module has been developed to enable Local Health Board community staff to input their Infant Feeding Data. Details on data entry can be found in the User Guide.

Description of Change

To introduce the Infant Feeding Data Requirements.

Data Dictionary Version

Where applicable, this DSCN reflects changes introduced by DSCN and/or DDCN since the release of version 4.0 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

The changes introduced by such DSCNs will be published in version 4.1 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

Actions Required

Actions for Local Health Boards:

- From 1st September 2012, ensure that the relevant health professionals collect the information required as set out in this DSCN.
- Information should be recorded in the Breastfeeding Module of the Child Health System.

Actions for NHS Wales Informatics Service:

- Ensure that the Breastfeeding Module is accessible across all Local Child Health Systems to enable input of data.

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
Operational data Requirements	Infant Feeding Data	New

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.

Infant Feeding Data Requirements

The following information is required to be collected by Health Visitors as part of routine surveillance and reported to community staff.

These data should be captured in the Child Health System Breastfeeding Module. Further information on how to input the data into the system can be accessed in the User Guide

Data Item	Definition	Value
Age of Infant	<p>The age of the infant relating to the feeding status.</p> <p><i>The timing of contacts with health visitors will vary according to local practice but the feeding status should relate to infants at 10 days, 6 weeks and 6 months of age.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Days • 6 Weeks • 6 Months
Feeding Status	<p>The feeding status of the infant.</p> <p>Exclusive Milk Breastfeeding or receiving breast milk by any other means e.g. tube, cup, syringe etc and essential medication</p> <p>Combined Milk Feeding – Predominantly Breast >75% of the feeds in the previous 24 hours were breastfeeds</p> <p>Combined Milk Feeding – Partially Breast 75% or less of the feeds in previous 24 hours were breastfeeds</p> <p>Artificial Milk Feeding Formula milk and any other drink but no breast milk</p> <p><i>It is intended that milk feeding should be recorded as exclusive breast milk feeding even if solid food has been introduced if breast milk is the only source of fluids. As other drinks are introduced milk feeding should be recorded as combined milk feeding (predominant or partial as appropriate).</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exclusive Milk • Combined Milk Feeding – Predominantly Breast • Combined Milk Feeding – Partially Breast • Artificial Milk Feeding
Age Solid Foods Introduced	This is the age in completed* weeks when solid food was introduced. Solid Food is any form of	

	<p>nutrition not listed above.</p> <p><i>*For an infant aged 20 weeks and 4 days, the age should be reported as 20 weeks.</i></p>	
Age Exclusive Breast Feeding Ceased	<p>This is the age in completed* weeks when exclusive breastfeeding ceased.</p> <p><i>* For an infant aged 20 weeks and 4 days, the age should be reported as 20 weeks.</i></p>	