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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 18th October 2012

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Summary:

To confirm changes to the reporting requirements for the Daily and Weekly SITREPS component of the Emergency Pressures Reporting System.

Data sets / returns affected:

Daily & Weekly SITREPS

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Introduction

Situation Reporting (SITREPS) was introduced in December 2000 to determine the emergency pressures on NHS organisations and their performance against key targets. It was originally set up in Wales to support emergency pressures monitoring by requiring NHS hospitals to report a series of indicators to the Welsh Assembly Government in respect of the levels of emergency pressures they were experiencing.

In September 2003, three additional Accident and Emergency (A&E) waiting times indicators were introduced to the weekly SITREPS return to enable the Welsh Assembly Government to monitor the performance against the national A&E waiting times targets.

In 2006-07, daily SITREPS reporting was introduced for Major A&E departments, whilst information for Other A&E departments / Minor Injury Units (MIUs) continued to be reported through weekly SITREPS only.

By 2006, SITREPS consisted of the following indicators for both weekly and daily reporting:

- The number of attendances to Accident and Emergency Departments
- The number of attendances to Minor Injury Units (MIUs) / Other Accident and Emergency departments
- The time spent waiting in an Accident and Emergency department
- The time spent waiting in an MIUs / Other Accident and Emergency departments
- The number of emergency admissions to hospital
- The time spent waiting for admission to a hospital bed
- Bed availability
- Cancelled operations

Although SITREPS has been used historically as the means to report the A&E '4 & 8 hour' waiting times performance indicators, the development of the Emergency Department Data Set dataset (EDDS) in recent years has meant that the role and importance of SITREPS has come under review.

The introduction of the monthly EDDS in 2009 via DSCN (2009) 02 (W) and subsequent developments has meant that the A&E related information for Major A&E Departments contained within SITREPS can now be sourced exclusively from the EDDS. Subsequently, a daily EDDS submission was introduced for Major A&E Departments. These developments effectively removed the need to collect equivalent information for Major A&E Departments via SITREPS. As a result, the reporting of A&E information from daily SITREPS was discontinued from 1st April 2011. However, the weekly SITREPS continued to be used for the reporting of performance on the Other A&E departments / MIUs.

Another development which has further reduced the need for A&E information from SITREPS is that since April 2010, EDDS has been used as the source of official A&E activity statistics, as published by the Health Statistics & Analysis Unit, Welsh Government, for all Major A&E departments. Ministerial Letters issued in 2011 confirmed that the daily and monthly EDDS submissions will be used as the sole source for monitoring and reporting of unscheduled care performance, such as the reporting of A&E waiting times performance for Major A&E departments.

Following the inclusion of MIUs in the EDDS data collection from April 2012, the collection of all information from daily and weekly SITREPS was discontinued, effective from 5th April 2012. The cessation of SITREPS was communicated to the Service via Official Letter, which

was issued by the Director of Performance & Operations, Welsh Government, on 29th March 2012.

A forthcoming DSCN will formally introduce MIU activity to the EDDS activity and, where applicable, associated changes to the definitions of a number of EDDS data items.

Under the Emergency Pressures Reporting System, separate from the SITREPS, there is also a set of Daily / Escalation Status Level Reporting indicators. These consist of seven indicators, including critical care bed availability, acute / acute paediatric bed availability, emergency admissions and the number of outliers. The submission of these indicators has also ceased, following the letter from Roger Perks dated 1st August 2012, and replaced with a major event / incident reporting tool.

However, the live 'escalation status' map, whereby bed management departments update the bed availability status level within major acute hospital sites, is still required to be updated.

Description of Change

Daily Reporting / Escalation Status Level Reporting

The following daily reporting indicators have been **DISCONTINUED**.

- 1.1 Total number of unoccupied general ITU beds at midday
- 1.2 Total number of unoccupied general HDU beds at midday
- 1.3 Total number of unoccupied CCU beds at midday
- 2 Total number of emergency admissions in the previous 24 hours (midday reporting).
- 3.1 Total number of unoccupied acute hospital beds at midday
- 3.2 Total number of unoccupied acute paediatric hospital beds at midday
- 4 Total Number of outliers at midday

** Please note that the status level escalation map will CONTINUE to be reported.*

Daily SITREPS

The following daily SITREPS indicators were **DISCONTINUED** from daily SITREPS only from 1st April 2011, but continued to be reported against Major Accident and Emergency Departments in weekly SITREPS.

1. Indicators of Demand/Access to Services

- 1.1 Total number of new attendances at major ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY
 - 1.1.1 Total number of new adult attendances at major ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY
 - 1.1.2 Total number of new paediatric attendances at major ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY

2. Indicators of Increased Pressure on System

- 2.1.1 Total number of patients waiting >4 hours in a major ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY
- 2.1.2 Total number of adult patients waiting >4 hours in a major ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY
- 2.1.3 Total number of paediatric patients waiting >4 hours in a major ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY
- 2.1.4 Total number of patients waiting >8 hours in a major ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY
- 2.1.5 Total number of adult patients waiting >8 hours in a major ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY
- 2.1.6 Total number of paediatric patients waiting >8 hours in a major ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY

Daily & Weekly SITREPS

The following indicators were **DISCONTINUED** from Weekly SITREPS **and** Daily SITREPS from 5th April 2012

1. Indicators of Demand/Access to Services

- 1.1 Total number of new attendances at major ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY
 - 1.1.1 Total number of new adult attendances at major ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY
 - 1.1.2 Total number of new paediatric attendances at major ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY
- 1.2 Total number of emergency admissions
 - 1.2.1 Total number of adult emergency admissions
 - 1.2.2 Total number of paediatric emergency admissions
- 1.3 Total number of elective inpatient admissions
- 1.4 Total number of day case admissions
- 1.5 Total number of transfer/admissions to SCBU
- 1.6 Total number of new attendances at MIU
 - 1.6.1 Total number of new adult attendances at MIU
 - 1.6.2 Total number of paediatric attendances at MIU

2. Indicators of Increased Pressure on System

- 2.1.1 Total number of patients waiting >4 hours in a major ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY
- 2.1.2 Total number of adult patients waiting >4 hours in a major ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY
- 2.1.3 Total number of paediatric patients waiting >4 hours in a major ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY
- 2.1.4 Total number of patients waiting >8 hours in a major ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY
- 2.1.5 Total number of adult patients waiting >8 hours in a major ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY
- 2.1.6 Total number of paediatric patients waiting >8 hours in a major ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY
- 2.2.1 Total number of patients waiting >4 hours for admission to a hospital bed
- 2.2.2 Total number of adult patients waiting >4 hours for admission to a hospital bed
- 2.2.3 Total number of paediatric patients waiting >4 hours for admission to a hospital bed
- 2.2.4 Total number of patients waiting >8 hours for admission to a hospital bed
- 2.2.5 Total number of adult patients waiting >8 hours for admission to a hospital bed
- 2.2.6 Total number of paediatric patients waiting >8 hours for admission to a hospital bed
- 2.3.1 Total number of patients waiting > 4 hours in a MIU
- 2.3.2 Total number of adult patients waiting > 4 hours in a MIU
- 2.3.3 Total number of paediatric patients waiting > 4 hours in a MIU
- 2.3.4 Total number of patients waiting > 8 hours in a MIU
- 2.3.5 Total number of adult patients waiting > 8 hours in a MIU
- 2.3.6 Total number of paediatric patients waiting > 8 hours in a MIU
- 2.4 Total staffed acute hospital beds at midday on the last day of the reporting period
- 2.5 Total staffed acute paediatric beds at midday on the last day of the reporting period
- 2.6 Total number of staffed beds designated as acute medical beds on the last day of the reporting period. Include all medical specialities
- 2.7 Number of cancelled operations (inpatient and day cases)
- 2.8 Number of patients whose elective admission for surgery has been cancelled for any reason
- 2.9 Total number of patients whose operation (including elective admission for surgery) has been cancelled for any reason (Sum of 2.7 and 2.8)
- 2.10 Number of patients whose urgent operation (including admission for urgent surgery) has been cancelled for any reason

2.11 Number of patients whose urgent operation (including admission for urgent surgery) has been cancelled more than once

3. Critical Care

3.1 Total number of general ITU beds open at midday on the last day of the reporting period

3.2 Total number of general HDU beds open at midday on the last day of the reporting period

3.3 Total number of CCU beds open at midday on the last day of the reporting period

Data Dictionary Version

n/a

Actions Required

Actions for Local Health Boards / Trusts:

- Cease the reporting of the affected daily and weekly SITREPS indicators, effective 5th April 2012.
- Cease the reporting of the 7 daily reporting indicators.
- Continue to update the Escalation Status Level map.

Actions for the NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS):

- Report daily, weekly and monthly A&E performance to the Welsh Government, sourced from EDDS.

Actions for the Health Statistics & Analysis Unit (HSA), Welsh Government:

- Ensure published A&E performance is sourced from EDDS, effective 5th April 2012.