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<div>DATA STANDARDS CHANGE NOTICE</div> <p>A Data Standards Change Notice (DSCN) is an information mandate for a new or revised information standard.</p> <p>This DSCN was approved by the Welsh Information Standards Board (WISB) out of committee on 5th June 2020.</p> <p>WISB Reference: ISRN 2019 / 008</p>	
<div>Summary:</div> <p>To update the terms for the outpatient data set and the outpatient referral data set. To introduce a new data item to enable the collection and recording of virtual activity and make changes to the rules for recording within the data items listed in Appendix A.</p>	
<div>Data sets / returns affected:</div> <p>Outpatient Data Set Outpatient Referrals Data Set (Scope)</p>	
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DATA STANDARDS CHANGE NOTICE

Introduction

Demand is growing for care closer to home and is seen as a key priority in 'A Healthier Wales'.

'Virtual activity' encompasses use of technologies and alternative methods with which to support patients through their care pathway through the most effective and appropriate process and supports timely, patient-centred interventions and care decisions designed for the patient.

Outpatient consultations are where clinical decisions are taken on the appropriate next steps in a patient's pathway, a patient may or may not be present when these decisions are taken. The omission of 'virtual activity' from the Outpatient Data Set data means that published activity reports may materially understate the level and range of clinical services delivered by NHS Wales. Furthermore, 'virtual activity' has the potential, based on clinical need and patient activation levels, to deliver a different and more appropriate outpatient review/appointment, but lack of reporting data means that this cannot be substantiated.

Description of Change

To increase the scope of the Outpatient data set (OP ds) and Outpatient Referral data set (OPR ds) to include virtual activity, specifically to:

- Update the definition scope of the OP Ds to encompass activity as outlined in Appendix B.
- Update the Terms for Clinic Appointment – Consultant led (Outpatients) and Non-Consultant\Nurse led (Outpatients) as outlined in Appendix B.
- Create a Data Item Consultation Method, to support the national submission of the virtual activity data.

This Standard also relies on the consistent interpretation of the term 'virtual' activity. The scope of that term was set out in [Defining Outpatient Activity \(Virtual Clinics\) – Phase One \(DSCN 2020/01\)](#)

Data Dictionary Version

Where applicable, this DSCN reflects changes introduced by DSCN and/or DDCN since the release of version 4.10 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

The changes introduced by such DSCNs will be published in version 4.11 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

Actions Required

Actions for Local Health Boards / Trusts:

- Apply the additional clarity provided by the scope definitions and terms for the Outpatient and Outpatient Referral Data Set
- Implement the new data item (Consultation method)
- Ensure all new values are updated.
- Adhere to the guidance for the virtual scenarios outlined in Appendix B

Actions for NHS Wales Informatics Service:

- Update the relevant data acquisition and warehousing infrastructure to enable the collection, storage, onward distribution, analysis and reporting of outpatient data to include:
 - New data item - Consultation method
- Ensure any affected national applications managed by The Informatics Service are updated where necessary.
- Develop new Validation at Source (VAS) checks to support the validation reporting and data quality monitoring of Virtual activity within the Outpatient Data Set and the Outpatient Referral Data Set.

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

The following table shows where there are changes to the scope and/or definitions of applicable 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.

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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.

Scope Outpatient Data Set

The Outpatient (OP) Data Set captures data for all consultant or nurse led clinic activity where that meets the criteria outlined in Terms Clinic Appointment – Consultant Led (Outpatients) or Terms Clinic Appointment – Nurse Led (Outpatients). This includes Face to face appointments, Virtual clinic appointments (patient contact) Phone, Virtual clinic appointments (patient contact) Video and Virtual clinical reviews (non-patient contact).

Any activity which is not consultant or nurse should be excluded. Also excluded are: Community nurse led activity

Ward Attenders

Both attendances and non-attendances are within scope, including DNAs, CNAs and hospital cancellations (see <http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/documents/407/Final%20Master-%20RTT%20-%20rules%20document-%20Just%20RTT-April%202017.pdf>)

All NHS activity regardless of the care provider is included. Private patients seen at an NHS organisation are also included.

NHS Digital provide data on Welsh resident or registered patients treated in English NHS organisations.

Scope Outpatient Referral Data Set

The Outpatient Referral (OPR) Data Set captures all referrals received by NHS Wales' provider organisations for a first outpatient appointment for all consultant or nurse led clinic activity. This includes Face to face appointments, Virtual clinic appointments (patient contact) Phone, Virtual clinic appointments (patient contact) Video and Virtual clinical reviews (non-patient contact), regardless of the patient's area of residence.

The data set includes referrals from any source and is not limited to only those referrals made by a GP.

Terms Clinic Appointment – Consultant Led (Outpatients)

This is a scheduled outpatient appointment for a patient to see a consultant (or a member of their firm) for the purpose of a consultation, or an outpatient procedure. **This appointment may take place with a patient face to face or virtually.**

A consultant is a person contracted by a Health Care Provider who has been appointed by a consultant's appointment committee. He or she must be a member of a Royal College or Faculty. This also includes clinics run by General Practitioners acting as a Consultant.

This excludes:

Nurses, independent nurses or midwives who may be part of the consultant's firm but lead their own clinics (see [Clinic Appointment – Non Consultant/Nurse Led \(Outpatient\)](#))

[Ward Attenders](#)

Terms Clinic Appointment – Non Consultant/Nurse Led (Outpatients)

This is a scheduled outpatient appointment for a patient to see a nurse for the purposes of an assessment, treatment, advice or counselling. These appointments take place in clinics **with the patient either face to face or virtually** where nurses/midwives have their own list of patients who are not expected to see, or be in contact with, a doctor (even though they may refer patients to the doctor be seen or be in contact during the same attendance or contact).

A nurse/midwife is a person whose name is registered in the Nursing and Midwifery Council Register maintained by Nursing and Midwifery Council. Historically, Local Health Boards /Trusts have used different titles to denote nurses carrying out nurse-led activity e.g. Independent Nurse, Specialist Nurse, Clinic Nurse Specialist, Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Consultant.

For the purpose of the scope of the Outpatient (OP) Data Set and Outpatient Referral (OPR) Data Set, all nurses and midwives are included, providing they meet the aforementioned criteria. Such activity should be identified as non consultant/nurse led. See [Consultant Code](#)

This excludes:

Community non consultant/nurse led activity

[Ward Attenders](#)

Data Set Outpatient Data Set (OP Ds)

Rating 1=mandatory 2=optional		Format/length
1	Record Id	an1
	CONTRACT DETAILS	
1	Organisation Code (Code of Provider)	an5
1	Organisation Code (Code of Commissioner)	an5
1	Commissioning Serial Number	an6
2	Health Care Contract Line Number	an10
1	Commissioners Reference Number	an17
	PATIENT DETAILS	
1	NHS Number	n10
1	NHS Number Status Indicator	n2 - from April 1999
1	Patient's Name	an70 or structured name with 2 an35 elements
1	Name Format Code	n1
1	Patient's Usual Address	an175 (5 lines each an35)
1	Postcode of Usual Address	an8
1	Organisation Code (LHB Area of Residence)	an3
1	Sex	n1
2	Carer Support Indicator	an2
1	Birth Date	ccyymmdd
1	Birth Date Status	n1
2	† (see below)	an8
1	Code of Registered GP Practice	an6
1	Local Patient Identifier	an10
	REFERRAL DETAILS	
1	Referrer Code	an8
1	Referring Organisation Code	an6
1	Service Type Requested	n1
1	Date of Patient Referral	ccyymmdd
1	Patient Referral Date Status	n1
1	Clinical Referral Date	ccyymmdd
1	Clinical Referral Date Status	n1
1	Priority Type (new patients)	n1
	EPISODE DETAILS	

1	Source of Referral: Outpatients	an2
1	Main Specialty (consultant)	n3
1	Treatment Function Code	n3
2	Local Sub-Specialty	an3
1	Clinic Purpose	an15
1	Consultant Code	an8
	APPOINTMENT AND ATTENDANCE DETAILS	
1	Attendance Identifier	an12
1	Administrative Category	n2
1	Location Type Code	n2
1	Site Code (of Treatment)	an5
1	Medical Staff Type Seeing Patient	an2
1	Attendance Date	ccyymmdd
1	Attendance Date Status	n1
1	Attendance Category	n1
1	Attended or Did Not Attend	n1
1	Outcome of Attendance	n1
1	Last DNA or Patient Cancelled Date	ccyymmdd
1	Last DNA or Patient Cancelled Date Status	n1
	Patient Diagnostic Codes (optional)	
2	Primary (ICD)	an6
2	Subsidiary (ICD)	an6
2	1st Secondary (ICD)	an6
	Patient Procedure Codes	
1	Operation Status (per attendance)	n1
	OPCS procedure coding	
1	Primary Procedure Code (OPCS)	an4
1	Procedure Code 2 (OPCS)	an4
1	Procedure Code 3 (OPCS)	an4
1	Procedure Code 4 (OPCS)	an4
1	Procedure Code 5 (OPCS)	an4
1	Procedure Code 6 (OPCS)	an4
1	Procedure Code 7 (OPCS)	an4
1	Procedure Code 8 (OPCS)	an4
1	Procedure Code 9 (OPCS)	an4
1	Procedure Code 10 (OPCS)	an4

1	Procedure Code 11 (OPCS)	an4
1	Procedure Code 12 (OPCS)	an4
	Waiting List Details	
1	Waiting List Date	ccyymmdd
1	Waiting List Date Status	n1
1	Reason for Cancellation	n3
1	Consultation Method	n1

† Where no data is present, the field must be populated with spaces due to the fixed field length format of the submitted file. However, if necessary 'General Medical Practitioner (Code of Registered GMP)' may still be included in the submitted file.

New Data Item

Data Item Consultation Method

Change History	
2020/ AF	Outpatient Activity (Virtual Clinics) – Phase Two

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

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
OP Ds	01 st October 2020	
OPR Ds	01 st October 2020	

For any Virtual Clinical Appointment (Patient Contact), record value must be 2 or 3.

For any Virtual Clinical Review (Non-Patient Contact), record value must be 4.

Format: 1 digit numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
1	Face to Face Appointment	01 st October 2020	
2	Virtual Clinical Appointment (Patient Contact) - Video	01 st October 2020	

3	Virtual Clinical Appointment (Patient Contact) - Phone	01 st October 2020	
4	Virtual Clinical Review (Non-Patient Contact)	01 st October 2020	

For definitions of these Values refer to [Defining Outpatient Activity \(Virtual Clinics\) – Phase One \(DSCN 2020/01\)](#)

Changed Data Items

Data Item Main Speciality (Consultant)

Change History	
DSCN 2020 / AF	Outpatient Activity (Virtual Clinics) – Phase Two
DSCN 2014 / 07	Main Specialty (Consultant)
DDCN 2013 / 14	Appendix A – Specialty Codes
DDCN 2013 / 12	Definition of 'Main Specialty (consultant)'
DSCN 2012 / 11	Elective Admission List Data Set (EAL Ds)
DSCN 2011/07	The introduction of the 'Referral to Treatment Times (Combined)' return
DDCN 2011/02	Angiogram Waiting Time & Referral to Treatment Patient Tracking Report.
DSCN 2010/12	Referral to Treatment Patient Tracking Report.
DSCN 2010 / 07	Admitted Patient Care Minimum Data Set (APC MDS) Data Validity Standards
DSCN 2009/09	NHS Reforms: NHS Wales Data Definition Update.
DSCN (2008) 08 (W)	Referral to Treatment Patient Tracking Report.
DSCN (2007) 13 (W)	To remove waits for certain diagnostic endoscopies from the waiting times data collection for inpatient and day case admissions and first outpatient appointments (PP01W).
DSCN (2007) 08 (W)	To Provide Guidance on the Reporting Structure for the Referral to Treatment Times Reporting Requirements.
DSCN (2006) 05 (W)	Rename Data Item 'Consultant Specialty Function Code' and Specialty Function Code'

(This data item was formerly known as 'Specialty Function Code' with the new title being implemented from 15th May 2006)

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

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
APC ds99	1st April 1999	
EAL ds	1st April 1999	21st November 2012
OP ds	1st April 1999	
RTT	1st April 2007	31st August 2011
PP01W		
OPR ds	1st July 2008	
RTT-PTR	1st September 2008	30th September 2009

A unique code identifying each Main Specialty designated by Royal Colleges.

Specialties are divisions of clinical work which may be defined by body systems (dermatology), age (paediatrics), clinical technology (nuclear medicine), clinical function (rheumatology), group of diseases (oncology) or combinations of these factors. Only Specialty titles recognised by the Royal Colleges and Faculties should be used. This list is maintained by the General and Specialist Medical Practice (Education, Training and Qualifications) Order 2003 and European Primary and Specialist Dental Qualifications Regulations 1998.

Each consultant should be assigned a Main Specialty by the organisation to which the consultant is contracted. For physicians and surgeons with a generalist component to their work, the Main Specialty should be general medicine or general surgery. The hallmark of a general physician or general surgeon is the continued care of unselected emergency referrals. The Main Specialty is specific to a Health Care Provider. If, for example, a consultant physician working in two Health Care Providers has a generalist component to the work in one and not the other, general medicine is only assigned as the Main Specialty in the former case. Consultants in general medicine or general surgery may also have specialist interests and these should be recorded as well as the Main Specialty.

The initial source of the information should be the designation on the consultant's contract. This should be checked periodically against the work a consultant is actually doing so that the statistics can relate to a consultant's current type of work.

The Main Specialty only should be used for the purpose of producing Specialty costing statistics and for Workforce statistics where links with activity and finance are required. Other specialist interests of consultants may be recorded for workforce planning purposes.

The Main Specialty code for general practitioners is General Medical Practice or General Dental Practice.

Joint Consultant Clinic activity should be recorded against the Main Specialty code of the consultant managing the clinic.

Where the response for data item (Consultation method) is

- Virtual Clinical Review (Non-Patient Contact), record the main specialty of the lead consultant

Format: 3 digit numeric

Code	Main Specialty Title	Valid From	Valid To
Surgical Specialties			
100	General Surgery	Pre 28 th December 1995	
101	Urology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
110	Trauma & Orthopaedic	Pre 28 th December 1995	
120	ENT	Pre 28 th December 1995	
130	Ophthalmology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
140	Oral Surgery	Pre 28 th December 1995	
141	Restorative Dentistry	Pre 28 th December 1995	
142	Paediatric Dentistry	Pre 28 th December 1995	
143	Orthodontics	Pre 28 th December 1995	
145	Oral & Maxillo Facial Surgery	1 st April 2015	
146	Endodontics	1 st April 2015	
147	Periodontics	1 st April 2015	
148	Prosthodontics	1 st April 2015	
149	Surgical Dentistry	1 st April 2015	
150	Neurosurgery	Pre 28 th December 1995	
160	Plastic Surgery	Pre 28 th December 1995	
170	Cardiothoracic Surgery	Pre 28 th December 1995	
171	Paediatric Surgery	Pre 28 th December 1995	
180	Accident & Emergency	Pre 28 th December 1995	
191	<i>Pain Management</i>	<i>Pre 28th December 1995</i>	<i>31st March 2015</i>
Medical Specialties			
190	Anaesthetics	Pre 28 th December 1995	
192	Critical Care Medicine	1 st April 2015	
199	Non-UK provider; specialty function not know, treatment mainly surgical (<i>only applicable for overseas providers</i>)	Pre 28 th December 1995	<i>31st March 2015</i>
300	General Medicine	Pre 28 th December 1995	
301	Gastroenterology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
302	Endocrinology	Pre 28 th December 1995	

303	Clinical Haematology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
304	Clinical Physiology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
305	Clinical Pharmacology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
310	Audiological Medicine	Pre 28 th December 1995	
311	Clinical Genetics	Pre 28 th December 1995	
312	<i>Clinical Cytogenetics and Molecular Genetics</i>	Pre 28 th December 1995	31 st March 2015
313	Clinical Immunology and Allergy	Pre 28 th December 1995	
314	Rehabilitation	Pre 28 th December 1995	
315	Palliative Medicine	Pre 28 th December 1995	
320	Cardiology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
321	Paediatric Cardiology	1 st April 2015	
325	Sport And Exercise Medicine	1 st April 2015	
326	Acute Internal Medicine	1 st April 2015	
330	Dermatology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
340	Respiratory Medicine (also known as Thoracic Medicine)	Pre 28 th December 1995	
350	Infectious Diseases	Pre 28 th December 1995	
352	Tropical Medicine	1 st April 2015	
360	Genitourinary Medicine	Pre 28 th December 1995	
361	Nephrology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
370	Medical Oncology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
371	Nuclear Medicine	Pre 28 th December 1995	
400	Neurology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
401	Clinical Neuro-physiology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
410	Rheumatology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
420	Paediatrics	Pre 28 th December 1995	
421	Paediatric Neurology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
430	Geriatric Medicine	Pre 28 th December 1995	
450	Dental Medicine Specialties	Pre 28 th December 1995	
451	Special Care Dentistry	1 st April 2015	

460	Medical Ophthalmology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
499	<i>Non-UK provider; specialty function not known, treatment mainly medical (only applicable for overseas providers)</i>	Pre 28 th December 1995	31 st March 2015
500	Obstetrics And Gynaecology	1 st April 2015	
501	Obstetrics	Pre 28 th December 1995	
502	Gynaecology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
504	Community Sexual And Reproductive Health	1 st April 2015	
510	Obstetrics – AN (outpatients)	Pre 28 th December 1995	31 st March 2015
520	Obstetrics – PN (outpatients)	Pre 28 th December 1995	31 st March 2015
560	Midwife Episode	Pre 28 th December 1995	
600	General Medical Practice	1 st April 2015	
601	General Dental Practice	1 st April 2015	
610	GP Maternity	Pre 28 th December 1995	31 st March 2015
620	GP Other	Pre 28 th December 1995	31 st March 2015
Psychiatry			
700	Learning Disability	Pre 28 th December 1995	
710	Adult Mental Illness	Pre 28 th December 1995	
711	Child & Adolescent Psychiatry	Pre 28 th December 1995	
712	Forensic Psychiatry	Pre 28 th December 1995	
713	Psychotherapy	Pre 28 th December 1995	
715	Old Age Psychiatry	Pre 28 th December 1995	
Radiology			
800	Clinical Oncology (Previously Radiotherapy)	Pre 28 th December 1995	
810	Radiology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
Pathology			
820	General Pathology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
821	Blood Transfusion	Pre 28 th December 1995	
822	Chemical Pathology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
823	Haematology	Pre 28 th December 1995	

824	Histopathology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
830	Immunopathology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
831	Medical Microbiology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
832	Neuropathology	Pre 28 th December 1995	31 st March 2015
833	Medical Microbiology (Also Known As Microbiology And Bacteriology)	1 st April 2015	
834	Medical Virology	1 st April 2015	
Other			
900	Community Medicine	Pre 28 th December 1995	
901	Occupational Medicine	Pre 28 th December 1995	
902	Community Health Services Dental	1 st April 2015	
903	Public Health Medicine	1 st April 2015	
904	Public Health Dental	1 st April 2015	
950	Nursing Episode	Pre 28 th December 1995	
960	Allied Health Professional Episode	1 st April 2015	
990	Joint Consultant Clinics	Pre 28 th December 1995	31 st March 2015

Specialty Codes can be viewed through the following link to the National Reference Data Service (NRDS Website): <http://NRDS.cymru.nhs.uk>

Data Item Consultant Code

Change History	
DSCN 2020 / AF	Outpatient Activity (Virtual Clinics) – Phase Two
DSCN 2015 / 03	Radiotherapy Data Set
DSCN 2012 / 11	Elective Admission List Data Set (EAL Ds)
DSCN 2010 / 01	Revisions to the Emergency Department Data Set
DSCN (2009) 02 (W)	Emergency Department Data Set
DSCN (2008) 07 (W)	The Introduction of Valid Period Date Ranges for Data Items within the APC Data Set

DSCN (2007) 02 (W)	To update the NHS Wales Dictionary with the format change to the GMC, GDC and Practice Codes.
DSCN (2006) 01 (W)	To introduce Independent Nurse Activity in the Outpatient ds + QS1
DSCN 63/02 (W)	Data Standards: Definitions of Nurse and Midwife added to NHS Wales Data Dictionary and description of Consultant Code updated.

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

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
APC	Pre 28 th December 1995	
EAL	1 st April 1999	21 st November 2012
OP	1 st April 1999	
EDDS	1 st April 2009	31 st March 2010
RTDS	1 st April 2014	

Nationally agreed form for consultant code or Independent Nurse. It is the General Medical Council (GMC) code for the Consultant or the GP acting as a Consultant or locum Consultant, which is the unique identifier. The nurse's Registration Number will be used to identify the Independent Nurse.

Where the response for data item (Consultation method) is

- Virtual Clinical Review (Non-Patient Contact), record the consultant code of the lead consultant within the Virtual Clinical Review

Format: 8 character alpha-numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
XXXXXXXX	Consultant code based upon General Medical Council registration number. The first character of the code is usually a 'C'. The 2nd to 8th characters are the GMC registration number.	Pre 28 th December 1995	
LNNNNNNN	Code for Limited Registered doctor. (Note: the first two digits will normally be the year in which limited registration was granted)	Pre 28 th December 1995	28 th February 2007
DDNNNNNN DD/NNNNN	For Dental Consultants who have not been registered with the GMC the General Dental Council (GDC) number has to be used. (The slash character represents a space. The slash must not be used in data for central returns)	1 st March 2007	

DD//NNNN	For Dental Consultants who have not been registered with the GMC the General Dental Council (GDC) number has to be used. (The slash character represents a space. The slash must not be used in data for central returns)	Pre 28 th December 1995	28 th February 2007
C9999998	Consultant code not known	1 st May 1998	20 th February 2002
C9999998	For NHS patients treated overseas, if the overseas doctor does not have a GMC code.	21 st June 2004	
D9999998	Dentist Code not known	1 st May 1998	20 th February 2002
M9999998	Midwife-led Activity If the patient episode is under the direct care of a Midwife the default Consultant Code must be M9999998 and the Treatment Function Code must be '560'.	1 st April 2000 Amended 1 st April 2006	
	For OP ds only:-		
YYYYYYYY	Independent Nurse The Nurse's Registration Number is used to record nurse-led activity in an Outpatients environment by an Independent Nurse	1 st April 2006	31 st March 2018
NNANNNA	Nurse-led Activity or Midwife-led Activity Registration Number for any nurse (including midwife) meeting the definition of Clinic Appointment Nurse Led (Outpatients) .	1 st April 2018	
N9999998	Nurse-led Activity - code not known For any nurse (excluding midwife) meeting the definition of Clinic Appointment Nurse Led (Outpatients) , where the Registration Number is not known, or is not registered with the Welsh Reference Data Service (WRDS).	1 st April 2018	
M9999998	Midwife-led Activity - code not known For any midwife meeting the definition of Clinic Appointment Nurse Led (Outpatients) , where the Registration Number is not known, or is not registered with the Welsh Reference Data Service (WRDS).	1 st April 2018	

See [GDC Registration Number](#)

See [GMC Registration Number](#)

Data Item Location Type Code

Change History	
DSCN 2020 / AF	Outpatient Activity (Virtual Clinics) – Phase Two
DSCN 2010 / 06	Outpatient Activity Minimum Data Set (OP MDS) Data Validity Standards

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

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

This is a classification of location type.

Where the response for data item (Consultation method) is

- Virtual Clinical Appointment (Patient Contact) - Video, record the most relevant value for where the healthcare professional is when conducting the appointment.
- Virtual Clinical Appointment (Patient Contact) - Phone, record the most relevant value for where the healthcare professional is when conducting the appointment.
- Virtual Clinical Review (Non-Patient Contact), record the most relevant value for where the healthcare professional is when conducting the review

Format: 2 digit numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
01	Clients or patients home	1 st April 1999	
02	Health Centre	1 st April 1999	
03	Other GMP Premises	1 st April 1999	
04	Ward or NHS Hospital Site	1 st April 1999	
06	Hospice	1 st April 1999	
07	Other Voluntary or Private Hospital or Nursing Home	1 st April 1999	
08	Group Home managed by the NHS	1 st April 1999	
09	Group Home managed by Local Authority	1 st April 1999	
10	Group Home managed by Voluntary or Private Agents	1 st April 1999	
11	Other Residential Care Homes managed by Local Authority	1 st April 1999	
12	Other Residential Care Homes managed by Voluntary or Private Agents	1 st April 1999	
13	NHS Day Care Facility on NHS Hospital Sites	1 st April 1999	

14	NHS Day Care Facility on Other sites	1 st April 1999	
15	Day Centre managed by Local Authority	1 st April 1999	
16	Day Centre managed by Voluntary or Private Agents	1 st April 1999	
17	NHS Consultant Clinic Premises on a NHS Hospital Site	1 st April 1999	
18	NHS Consultant Clinic Premises off a NHS Hospital Site	1 st April 1999	
19	Health Clinic managed by the NHS	1 st April 1999	
20	Health Clinic managed by Voluntary or Private Agents	1 st April 1999	
21	Resource Centre on NHS Hospital Site	1 st April 1999	
22	Resource Centre managed by the NHS off NHS Hospital Site	1 st April 1999	
23	Resource Centre managed by Local Authority	1 st April 1999	
24	Resource Centre managed by Voluntary or Private Agents	1 st April 1999	
25	Professional Staff Group Department on NHS Hospital Site	1 st April 1999	
26	Professional Staff Group Department managed by the NHS off NHS Hospital Site	1 st April 1999	
27	Professional Staff Group Department managed by Local Authority	1 st April 1999	
28	Professional Staff Group Department managed by Voluntary or Private Agents	1 st April 1999	
29	School Premises managed by Local Authority or Grant Maintained	1 st April 1999	
30	School Premises managed by Voluntary or Private Agents	1 st April 1999	
31	Other Health or Local Authority Facility on NHS Hospital Site	1 st April 1999	
32	Other Health or Local Authority Site managed by the NHS off NHS Hospital Site	1 st April 1999	
33	Other Health or Local Authority Site managed by Local Authority	1 st April 1999	
34	Other Health or Local Authority Site managed by Voluntary or private Agents	1 st April 1999	
35	Prison Department Establishments	1 st April 1999	
36	Public Place or Street, or Police Station	1 st April 1999	
37	Other locations not classified elsewhere	1 st April 1999	
38	NHS Nursing Home	1 st April 1999	

39	Other Residential Care Homes managed by the NHS	1 st April 1999	
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Data Item Site Code (of Treatment)

Change History	
DSCN 2020 / AF	Outpatient Activity (Virtual Clinics) – Phase Two
DSCN 2016 / 02	Maternity Indicators Data Set
DDCN 2014 / 05	Cancelled Admitted Procedures (Postponed Admitted Procedures) Data Set
DSCN 2013 / 03	Cancelled Admitted Procedures Data Set
DSCN 2009/09	NHS Reforms: NHS Wales Data Definition Update
DSCN (2009) 02 (W)	Emergency Department Data Set
DSCN (2008) 07 (W)	The Introduction of Valid Period Date Ranges for Data Items within the APC Data Set
DSCN 04/06 (W)	Revised definitions for Phase 2 of the Outpatient Data Quality Project
DSCN 19/01 (W)	Subject: Capturing data for NHS patients treated in private hospitals

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

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
APC ds99	1st April 1999	
OP ds	1st April 1999	
CC ds	1st April 2007	
EDDS	1st April 2009	
PAP ds	1st April 2013	
MI ds	1st April 2016	

The organisation code for the site where the patient will be or is treated.

Format: 5 character alpha-numeric

See [ORGANISATION CODE](#)

Where the response for data item (Consultation method) is

- Virtual Clinical Appointment (Patient Contact) - Video, record the most relevant value for where the healthcare professional is when conducting the appointment.
- Virtual Clinical Appointment (Patient Contact) - Phone, record the most relevant value for where the healthcare professional is when conducting the appointment.
- Virtual Clinical Review (Non-Patient Contact), record the most relevant value for where the healthcare professional is when conducting the review

For outpatients and MI ds:

Face to face activity may take place outside the hospital, such as in the patient's home; in such cases, raising a site code is impractical. The following default codes should be used in the Outpatient ds when required:

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
R9998	Not a hospital site	21st January 2002	
89999	Not applicable: Non-NHS providers where no site code has been requested and issued	1st April 2002	
89997	Not applicable: Non-UK provider	21st January 2002	

Where treatment for an NHS patient is sub-commissioned to an overseas provider the default code 89997 is applicable.

Data Item Medical Staff Type Seeing Patient

Change History	
DSCN 2020 / AF	Outpatient Activity (Virtual Clinics) – Phase Two
DSCN 2010 / 06	Outpatient Activity Minimum Data Set (OP MDS) Data Validity Standards

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

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

A classification of the type of medical staff seeing the patient during an Outpatient attendance: Consultant.

Where the response for data item (Consultation method) is

- Virtual Clinical Review (Non-Patient Contact), record the most relevant value for the medical staff type taking the lead in the Virtual Clinical Review

Format: 2 character alpha-numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
01	Consultant	1st April 1999	
02	Member of Consultant firm	1st April 1999	
08	Not applicable (e.g. for Ward Attenders)	1st April 1999	

Attended or Did not Attend

Change History	
DSCN 2010 / 06	Outpatient Activity Minimum Data Set (OP MDS) Data Validity Standards
DSCN 13/05 (W)	Subject: Revising terminology to reflect 'A Guide to Good Practice – Elective Services'

DSCN 62/02 (W)	Data Standards: Change to Attended or Did Not Attend
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This data item is / was included in the following data sets / collections between the dates shown:

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

This indicates whether a person or patient attended for an appointment. If the patient did not attend, it also indicates whether or not advanced warning was given.

Where the response for data item Consultation Method is Virtual Clinical Appointment (Patient Contact) - Video or Virtual Clinical Appointment (Patient Contact) – Phone the recording of data item Attended or Did Not Attend may differ according to the individual scenario. Please refer to the guidance document for further information.

Format: 1 digit numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
5	Patient arrived on time or, if late, before the relevant health care professional was ready to see them and was seen.	1st April 1999	
6	Patient arrived late, after the relevant health care professional was first ready to see them, but was seen	1st April 1999	
7	Patient arrived late and could not be seen	1st April 1999	
8	Did not Phone	1st April 2006	
2	Appointment cancelled by, or on behalf of the patient	1st April 1999	
3	Did not attend - no advanced warning given	1st April 1999	
4	Appointment cancelled or postponed by the health care provider	1st April 1999	

Note: The classification has been listed in logical sequence rather than in numeric order.

Data Item Operation Status (per attendance)

Change History	
DSCN 2020 / AF	Outpatient Activity (Virtual Clinics) – Phase Two
DSCN (2008) 07 (W)	The Introduction of Valid Period Date Ranges for Data Items within the APC Data Set

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

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
APC ds99	1st April 1999	
OP ds	1st April 1999	

Operation status should be used once for each record to record states of knowledge regarding the operative procedure.

Where the response for data item (Consultation method) is

- Virtual Clinical Appointment (Patient Contact) – Video, N/A - Record a value of 8 - Not applicable i.e. no operative procedures performed or intended or leave blank.
- Virtual Clinical Appointment (Patient Contact) – Phone, N/A - Record a value of 8 - Not applicable i.e. no operative procedures performed or intended or leave blank.
- Virtual Clinical Review (Non-Patient Contact), N/A - Record a value of 8 - Not applicable i.e. no operative procedures performed or intended or leave blank.

Format: 1 digit numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
1	One or more operative procedure carried out	1st May 1998	
8	Not applicable i.e. no operative procedures performed or intended	1st May 1998	
9	Not known i.e. finished episode / outpatient attendance but no data entered or the episode is unfinished and no data needs to be present. This would be a validation error only for a finished episode	1st May 1998	20th January 2002

Reason for Cancellation

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

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
PAP ds	1st April 2013	
Outpatient data set	01st January 2020	

For Postponed Admitted Procedures data set:

The reason for cancellation of an intended procedure.

Format: 3 digit numeric

Value	Meaning	Description	Valid From	Valid To
Cancellation - Clinical				

Value	Meaning	Description	Valid From	Valid To
101	Pre-existing Medical condition	The patient has a pre-existing medical condition, such as high blood pressure and the clinician has indicated that it needs to be resolved before the procedure can take place.	1 st April 2013	
102	Unfit with Acute Illness	The clinician has decided that a patient is unfit due to a newly presented acute illness.	1 st April 2013	
103	Procedure No Longer Necessary	The clinician has decided that the procedure is no longer necessary. For example, this could be due to the condition resolving itself.	1 st April 2013	
104	Unsuitable for Day Case Procedure	The patient was originally listed to have their procedure as a day case. However, the clinician has decided that they need to be treated as an inpatient.	1 st April 2013	
105	Other –Clinical	All other clinical cancellation reasons.	1 st April 2013	
Cancellation – Non Clinical				
201	Intensive Care Unit / High Dependency Unit Beds Unavailable	No Intensive Care Unit /High Dependency Unit beds are available for patient recovery	1 st April 2013	
202	Ward Beds Unavailable	No ward beds are available for the patient admission.	1 st April 2013	
203	Emergency Admission	An emergency admission takes priority over the patient's elective procedure.	1 st April 2013	
204	List Overrun	The previous procedure(s) takes longer than originally planned, meaning the procedure is cancelled due to insufficient session time.	1 st April 2013	
205	Clinical Staff Unavailable	A key member of clinical staff is unavailable.	1 st April 2013	
206	Equipment Unavailable	A key piece of equipment is unavailable.	1 st April 2013	
207	Administrative Error	An administrative error has occurred. For example, the patient has received the wrong date / time for their admission.	1 st April 2013	
208	Other –Non Clinical	All other non clinical cancellation reasons. For example, cancellations due to inclement weather.	1 st April 2013	
Patient Cancellation				
301	Pre-op Guidance Not Followed	Patient has not followed guidance given at pre-operative assessment.	1 st April 2013	

Value	Meaning	Description	Valid From	Valid To
302	Appointment Inconvenient	The patient had a planned admission date but has notified the Local Health Board that it is inconvenient.	1 st April 2013	
303	Unfit for procedure	The patient declares themselves unfit for their procedure.	1 st April 2013	
304	Procedure Not Wanted	The patient decides they no longer want the procedure.	1 st April 2013	
305	Did Not Attend	The patient has not attended	1 st April 2013	
306	Other – Patient	All other patient cancellation reasons.	1 st April 2013	

For Outpatient data set:

The reason why an outpatient appointment was cancelled.

Format: 3 digit numeric

Code	Description	Definition	Valid From	Valid To
151	Administrative error	Appointment booked in error and therefore cancelled to remove the erroneous record. Includes additional appointments booked due to duplicate referrals.	01 st January 2020	
152	Adverse weather	Appointment cancelled due to adverse weather conditions affecting the clinician's ability to attend the clinic appointment. (Patient's inability to attend would be categorised as CNA). Will also include damage to property where the appointment is taking place, affecting safety. To include issues with Non-emergency Patient Transport (NEPTS) non-collection due to weather.	01 st January 2020	
153	Appointment already taken place	The appointment is no longer necessary as the patient has already been seen. E.g. seen by other HB, privately etc	01 st January 2020	
154	Appointment brought forward	The appointment has been cancelled and rebooked.	01 st January 2020	
155	Awaiting diagnostics	Appointment cancelled due to essential test results not being available impacting on the ability to hold a meaningful consultation. Will also include instances where the case is yet to be reviewed via MDT etc.	01 st January 2020	
156	Change to clinic template	Changes to a template requiring cancellation of an appointment. These include clinic redesign with associated changes to the New to Follow up ratio or change to the location of the clinic. Will also include cancellations resulting from changes to job plans.	01 st January 2020	

Code	Description	Definition	Valid From	Valid To
157	Clinic validation	Appointment cancelled following direct instruction from the clinician. To include changes to original clinic plan following clinical reassessment.	01 st January 2020	
158	Clinician unavailable - annual leave / study leave / planned leave	Clinician assigned to undertake the appointment unavailable due to annual leave, study leave including mandatory training or requirement to attend examination, planned or professional leave, etc.	01 st January 2020	
159	Clinician unavailable - meeting	Clinician assigned to undertake the appointment unavailable due to a meeting or audit.	01 st January 2020	
160	Clinician unavailable - on call	Clinician assigned to undertake the appointment unavailable due to on call commitments or post take ward round commitments.	01 st January 2020	
161	Clinician unavailable - sickness / special leave	Clinician assigned to undertake the appointment unavailable due to sickness absence, special leave, bereavement leave, requirement to attend court, Jury Service, paternity leave, etc.	01 st January 2020	
162	Current inpatient	The patient is unable to attend the appointment due to being an inpatient either at the same or another hospital.	01 st January 2020	
163†	Equipment failure	Appointment cancelled due to the failure of essential equipment. Will also include general power failure and or connectivity issues.	01 st January 2020	
164	List overbooked	Over-filled clinic reduced to maintain safe clinic numbers proportionate to the number of clinicians available. An over-filled may be due to extra patients being booked without appropriate authorisation.	01 st January 2020	
165	Clinic overrun	The patient attended but the appointment was cancelled due to a significant overrun in the clinic. This excludes patient cancellation e.g. where the appointment is not cancelled but the patient is unable to wait	01 st January 2020	

Code	Description	Definition	Valid From	Valid To
166	No notes available	Cancellation of appointment due to lack of vital information with which to conduct a safe consultation due to patient notes not being available for the clinic.	01 st January 2020	
167	Industrial action	Cancellation of appointment due to lack of essential staffing numbers because of industrial action.	01 st January 2020	
168	Operational workforce issues – other reason	Cancellation of appointment due to lack of essential staffing numbers. Reasons to include clinician covering for annual / study leave, clinician leaving with unfilled vacant posts or a lack of junior doctors.	01 st January 2020	
169	Short notice due to emergency / trauma – clinic cancelled	Clinic cancelled at short notice due to unforeseen emergency such as trauma or major incident.	01 st January 2020	
170	Short notice due to higher priority patients	Appointment cancelled at short notice due to service need prioritisation of more urgent or complex cases. Includes cancellation to ensure coverage of essential services i.e. USC, wards and theatre.	01 st January 2020	
198	Hospital initiated cancellation – reason unknown	Cancellation initiated by the hospital for unspecified or unknown reason.	01 st January 2020	
199	N/A – Not a hospital cancellation	For use in all cases where the appointment cancellation is not initiated by the hospital, or where the appointment is attended or DNAd by the patient. This code is not intended for selection in operational systems but is included for reporting purposes.	01 st January 2020	

† If a virtual consultation is unable to be completed due to a technical fault this is to be recorded as value 163 Equipment failure. For further information please refer to the guidance document.