WELSH INFORMATION STANDARDS BOARD

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Welsh Health Circular / Official Letter: N/A	**Subject:** Digitisation of Nursing Documentation – Continence / Toileting Risk Assessment Tool
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DATA STANDARD CHANGE NOTICE

A Data Standard 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 18th March 2021.

WISB Reference: ISRN 2019 / 010

Summary: The introduction of a standardised digital Continence Risk Assessment form to be used across the secondary care setting in Wales.

Applies to: This standard applies to all NHS Wales health boards and trusts that provide patient care in a secondary care setting.

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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

The Digitisation of Nursing Documentation project has been established with a view to delivering standardised agreed electronic nursing documentation, in support of Work stream 2 of the Prudent Healthcare Strategy. The project's first phase has been funded by the Welsh Government Efficiency Through Technology Fund (ETTF) with the aim of making an agreed first tranche of digitised nursing documents available nationally by November 2019.

One of the key success factors of the digitisation of nursing documents will be to collaboratively define and develop information data standards and patient level data that will inform current and future system developments. This will include learning from existing e-nursing documents projects and pilots across Wales. This will provide one standard set of assessments and documents with the potential to provide safe and effective care to the population of Wales irrespective of location, and improve patient, carer and staff experience. The aim is to release nurses from the administrative burden of completing paper-nursing documents to spend more time on direct patient care.

Nursing colleagues, from across all NHS Wales health boards and trusts, have identified the first set of nursing documents to be digitised for secondary care settings. Prioritised documents have been determined on where the greatest value is perceived to be attributed to patient care and nursing time.

Included in the first set of documents to be developed digitally is an all Wales Continence Assessment. This DSCN mandates the data fields and associated definitions to be collected as part of the continence assessment.

Scope

The digitised Continence Risk Assessment form will be implemented across all NHS Wales health boards and trusts that provide patient care in a secondary care setting.

Developing e-nursing- documents for primary and community care settings are not in scope as these are in scope for existing programmes. The project will work closely with these programmes to ensure a consistent use of national information standards.

Actions

Local Health Boards / Trusts:

- Ensure that local processes and systems have been updated to comply with the standard set out in the Information Specification within this DSCN.

NHS Wales Informatics Service:

- Ensure that all national systems have been updated to comply with the standard set out in the Information Specification within this DSCN.

SPECIFICATION

Information Specification

The table below lists the Data Items and corresponding definitions and values that make up the information standard mandated by this DSCN. Please refer to Appendix A at the end of this DSCN for a more detailed specification.

User Interface Name	Field Identifier	Definition	Data Value Format (code or other value)	Value Sets
Date of Assessment	Assessment_Date	This is the date the actual risk assessment (or review) was carried out with the patient	8 digit numeric, CCYYMMDD 6 digit numeric: hh:mm:ss	
Need help to get to the toilet	Toilet_Help	This is to indicate whether at this current time the patient needs help to get to the toilet	n1	1 Yes 2 No
Have any cognitive problems	Cognitive_Problems	This is to indicate whether at this current time the patient has any cognitive problems	n1	1 Yes 2 No
Have mobility problems	Mobility_Problems	This is to indicate whether at this current time the patient has mobility problems	n1	1 Yes 2 No
Need to rush to the toilet	Toilet_rush	This is to indicate whether at this current time the patient has a need to rush to the toilet	n1	1 Yes 2 No

Need to use the toilet frequently	Toilet_frequency	This is to indicate whether at this current time the patient has a need to use the toilet frequently	n1	1 Yes 2 No
Leak urine	Urine_Leak	This is to indicate whether the patient leaks urine and how frequently	n1	1 No 2 Occasionally 3 Regularly
Leak faeces	Faeces_Leak	This is to indicate whether the patient leaks faeces and how frequently	n1	1 No 2 Occasionally 3 Regularly
Have constipation	Constipation	This is to indicate whether at this current time the patient has constipation	n1	1 Yes 2 No
Have diarrhoea	Diarhhoea	This is to inidcate whether at this current time the patient has diarrhoea	n1	1 Yes 2 No
Bristol stool type	Bristol_Stool_Type	This is to indicate the patients stool type as per the Bristol Stool Chart		Type 1 Type 2 Type 3 Type 4 Type 5 Type 6 Type 7
Have difficulty passing urine	Passing_Urine	This is to indicate whether at this current time the patient has difficulty passing urine	n1	1 Yes 2 No
Have difficulty passing faeces	Passing_Faeces	This is to indicate whether at this current time the patient has difficulty passing faeces	n1	1 Yes 2 No
Normally wear a pad or use other devices	Continence_devices	This is to indicate whether at this current time the patient normally wears a pad or use other devices	n1	1 Yes 2 No

Normally use a catheter	Catheter_Use	This is to indicate whether at this current time the patient normally uses a catheter	n1	1 No 2 Indwelling 3 Intermittent Self Catheterisation
Normally use any equipment to help with toileting	Toileting_Equipment	This is to indicate whether at this current time the patient normally uses any equipment to help with toileting	n1	1 Yes 2 No

Appendix

[Continence Risk Assessment - Specification](#)

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