

WELSH INFORMATION STANDARDS BOARD

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Welsh Health Circular/Official Letter: N/A	Subject: NHS Wales Delivery Framework 2021-22: Inclusion of new Stroke Workforce Measure 'Percentage of daily compliance with 2.375 (WTE) band 6 and 7 nurses per 10 stroke beds'
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DATA STANDARDS CHANGE NOTICE	
<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) at its meeting on 17th February 2022</p> <p>WISB Reference: ISRN 2021 / 33</p> <p>Summary: To include a new stroke workforce compliance measure.</p> <p>Data sets / returns affected: N/A</p> <p>Please address enquiries about this Data Standards Change Notice to the Data Standards Team in Digital Health and Care Wales</p> <p>E-mail: data.standards@wales.nhs.uk / Tel: 02920502539</p> <p>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:</p> <p>https://nhswales365.sharepoint.com/sites/DHC_DST/Lists/Information%20Standards%20Assurance%20Submission%20Log/AllItems.aspx</p>	

DATA STANDARDS CHANGE NOTICE

Introduction

The UK Sentinel Stroke Audit Programme (SSNAP) has examined a combination of staffing approaches in hyper acute / acute stroke units and developed a comprehensive list of optimum staffing standards for stroke units. The metric selected for inclusion in the NHS Wales Delivery Framework was selected on the basis it is representative of the fundamental need for suitably qualified nurses to co-ordinate stroke care. This is currently not collected on a regular basis from Health Boards by the NHS Wales Delivery Unit, and it is proposed for a pro forma to be developed to collect this data on a monthly basis, and submitted to the Delivery Unit on a quarterly basis. This is a Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme (SSNAP) measure that is currently only collected in a two-yearly organisational audit.

In order to calculate the standard, a pro forma will be sent to each stroke team at the end of the month by the NHS Wales Delivery Unit. This will require population with the Health Board data and will be returned by a set date on a quarterly basis. The data will be collated alongside other stroke quality improvement measures at the NHS Wales Delivery Unit. Most of the data will not change in the pro forma every month and therefore the burden on health boards to supply such data would be small.

Health Boards across Wales are currently reviewing their workforce and developing business cases where the workforce is short of national standards. The aim of the standard is to act as an enabler in such business cases to help drive improvement in workforce staffing ratios and therefore improve patient outcomes.

Description of Change

This is a new standard to include a new stroke workforce compliance measure. This is a key evidenced based metric for stroke services that also supports the vision of stroke services in Wales.

Data Dictionary Version

Where applicable, this DSCN reflects changes introduced by DSCN and/or DDCN since the release of version 4.15 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary. The changes introduced by such DSCNs will be published in version 4.16 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

Actions Required

Local Health Boards/Trusts:

- Ensure that arrangements are in place to enable the collection of the information required for Measure 28 in accordance with the definitions set out in this DSCN.
- Submit pro forma on a quarterly basis, with the first submission being March 31st, 2022, for previous quarter (December 2021, January and February 2022) via email to the Delivery Unit.

NHS Wales Delivery Unit:

- Ensure that the proforma is made available to each Health Boards' stroke team at the end of the month by the NHS Wales Delivery Unit.

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.

Data Definition Type	Name	New/Retired/ Changed	Page Number
Aggregate Proformas	NHS Wales Delivery Framework 2021-22: Inclusion of new Stroke Workforce Measure 'Percentage of daily compliance with 2.375 (WTE) band 6 and 7 nurses per 10 stroke beds'		

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.

NHS Wales Delivery Framework 2021-22: Inclusion of new Stroke Workforce Measure 'Percentage of daily compliance with 2.375 (WTE) band 6 and 7 nurses per 10 stroke beds'

Return Submission Details

Health Boards are required to provide a snapshot of census date / time on the last Friday of each month at 10am.

The form should be completed by each Health Board on the last day of the month after the end of the quarter for the previous quarter, with the first submission being 31st March 2022 (for previous quarter of December 2021, January and February 2022), and submit to the Stroke Team's Delivery Unit:

DU.Inbox@wales.nhs.uk

Scope

The pro forma will be sent to Health Board stroke teams at the end of every month by the NHS Wales Delivery Unit. This will then require population with the Health Board data and returned by a set date on a quarterly basis. The data will then be collated alongside other stroke quality improvement measures at the NHS Wales Delivery Unit.

The inclusion of the workforce compliance measure is a key evidence-based metric for stroke services that also support the vision of stroke services in Wales. Following engagement with the clinical community, this was identified as a metric for inclusion in the 2021 Delivery Framework.

This information is currently not collected on a regular basis from Health Boards by the NHS Wales Delivery Unit and a pro forma has been developed to collect this data on a monthly basis. This is a Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme (SSNAP) measure but is currently only collected in a two-yearly organisational audit.

Information Requirements

In order to calculate the standard, a pro forma will be sent to each stroke team at the end of the month by the Delivery Unit and the following questions asked. All questions to be answered as of 10:00am on the last Friday of the quarter. This information is required on a quarterly basis (March, June, September and December 2022). Most of the data will not change in the pro forma every month and therefore the burden on Health Boards to supply such data will be small:

- 1)** Total number of acute stroke unit beds. *(For combined acute and rehabilitation units on the same ward please indicate the total number of beds for the combined unit, and answer all the following questions for the combined unit).*

- 2) Total number of **established whole time equivalent (WTE) stroke Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) posts.**
- 3) Total number of established whole time equivalent (WTE) stroke Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) posts (detailed in Question 2) **that are filled.**
- 4) Total number of **established whole time equivalent (WTE) Band 7 nurse posts.**
- 5) Total number of established whole time equivalent (WTE) stroke Band 7 nurse posts (detailed in Question 7) **that are filled.**
- 6) The total number of Band 7 nurses **on duty in the acute stroke ward during routine hours (at 10.00am on the last Friday in the month).** *(Include CNS only if giving direct patient care as part of the ward team and do not include agency or locum staff).*
- 7) Total number of **established whole time equivalent (WTE) Band 6 nurse posts.**
- 8) Total number of established whole time equivalent (WTE) stroke Band 6 nurse posts (detailed in Question 4) **that are filled.**
- 9) Total number of Band 6 nurses **on duty in the acute stroke ward during routine hours (at 10.00am on the last Friday in the month).** *(Include CNS only if giving direct patient care as part of the ward team and do not include agency or locum staff).*
- 10) Total number of **established whole time equivalent (WTE) Band 5 nurse posts.**
- 11) Total number of established whole time equivalent (WTE) stroke **Band 5 nurse posts** (detailed in Question 6) **that are filled.**
- 12) Total number of **Band 5 nurses on duty in acute stroke ward during routine hours (at 10:00am on the last Friday in the month).** *(Do not include agency or locum staff)*
- 13) Total number of **Agency Staff (Healthcare Assistants) on duty in the acute stroke ward during routine hours (at 10:00am on the last Friday of the month).**

Number of WTE Band 6 and 7 nurses per 10 stroke beds *(Calculated automatically based on filled posts)*

Compliance with 2.375 (WTE) Band 6 and 7 nurses per 10 stroke beds *(Calculated automatically based on filled posts)*