

WELSH INFORMATION STANDARDS BOARD

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Welsh Health Circular/Official Letter: WHC/2021/009 ¹	Subject: School Entry Hearing Screening
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<div>DATA STANDARDS CHANGE NOTICE A Data Standards 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 19th October 2023. WISB Reference: ISRN 2023 / 003</div>	
Summary: A new standard for the School Entry Hearing Screening	
Data sets / returns affected: N/A	
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¹ [Welsh Health Circular School Entry Hearing Screening Pathway](#)

DATA STANDARDS CHANGE NOTICE

Introduction

The Children and Young Persons Integrated System (CYPrIS) currently operates as a call/recall system for School Hearing Screening, and it also supports/enables the recording of data collected during screening. However, the provision of School Entry Hearing Screening across Wales has traditionally been variable, with inconsistencies in screening practices across different Health Boards.

Currently, the information gathered and entered on to CYPrIS is determined by documentation. Data entry screens have been set up over the years and used in a non-consistent way. Data collection driven by locally determined requirements has resulted in minimal standard practice, process, or data collection for school entry hearing screening across Wales.

A single paper form has been designed to standardise the collection of information across Wales. Data collected on these forms will be transcribed into the CYPrIS system. Data will then be extracted using a common data set that will be used by health boards to report against the Welsh Government (WG) measures.

Therefore, as per the requirement in the Welsh Health Circular (WHC) School Entry Hearing Screening pathway (WHC/2021/009)², the data produced for each Health Board will be evaluated by the Wales Audiology Heads of Service group on an annual basis and reported to the Audiology Specialist Standing Advisory Group (which includes WG representation) with recommendations if required. Reports may be provided to the Welsh Screening committee if appropriate.

Scope

All health boards operating a School Entry Hearing Screening service are in scope.

Actions Required

Local Health Boards / Trusts:

- All Health Boards will be required to report against the list of performance measures in line with the DSCN.

² [Welsh Health Circular School Entry Hearing Screening Pathway](#)

Appendix A: Table of 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.

Data Definition Type	Name	New/Retired/Changed	Page number
Live Data Sets and Aggregate Data Collections / Aggregate Proformas	School Entry Hearing Screening	New	Page 4

Each data definition type is listed in alphabetical order and is shown in the sequence in which it appears in this DSCN.

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.

School Audio Entry Screening Data Collection

Return submission details

The School Entry Hearing Screening data is collected on the screening form by hearing screeners at the point of testing. The screening form is completed continuously at every patient contact to provide to manage the pathway for individual children and record the outcome of screening. This data is then inputted into CYPrIS.

Once a year (November) Health Boards will use the data extracted from CYPrIS by DCHW to report against the performance indicators by January of the following year. This will be submitted to All Wales Audiology Heads of Service for review and reporting to Welsh Government.

Data is submitted to Welsh Government by manually completing the 'School Entry Hearing Screening performance indicators response form', an MS Forms proforma, by 31st of January 2024.

Please click this link to complete the form [School Entry Hearing Screening form](#)

Head of Services Group will report the outcomes to the Sensory Branch, Welsh Government.

Any further queries regarding the data collection forms should be directed to the School Audio Screening Services Branch, Welsh Government, via email: hss-primarycaremailbox@gov.wales

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Information requirements

The information requirements to be reported to Welsh Government are described in the associated reporting specification:

[School Audio Entry Screening Proforma](#)