

1st April 2014

**VASS Checks 50172, 50609 (APC), 51236 and 51611 (OP) amended
Invalid Principal Procedure Code, Inconsistent Sex vs. Primary Procedure
Code, Invalid Primary Procedure Code and Inconsistent Primary Procedure
Code (OPCS) vs. Sex**

OPCS-4 is the Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys Classification of Surgical Operations and Procedures (OPCS) (4th revision). This statistical classification translates into code, operations and surgical procedures that can be carried out on a patient during an episode of health care.

From 1st April 2011 until 31st March 2014, the valid version of OPCS was version 4.6.

On 15th October 2013 the ISB published Information Standards Notice Amd 10/2013, which updated Information Standard ISB 0084 to mandate OPCS v4.7 from 1st April 2014 in NHS England. This implementation timescale was endorsed by the Welsh Information Standards Board and mandated in [DSCN 2014 / 01](#) for NHS Wales.

Version 4.7 was published by the NHS Classification Service of Health and Social Care Information Centre and was introduced across NHS Wales on 1st April 2014.

The following Admitted Patient Care (APC) VASS checks have been updated to reflect the introduction of OPCS 4.7:

- 50172: Invalid Principal Procedure Code
- 50609: Inconsistent Sex vs. Primary Procedure Code

The following Outpatient (OP) VASS checks have been updated to reflect the introduction of OPCS 4.7:

- 51236: Invalid Primary Procedure Code
- 51611: Inconsistent Primary Procedure Code (OPCS) vs. Sex