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VASS Checks 50173 (APC), 51214 (OP), 20315 (OPR) and 59104 (CC) amended Invalid Specialty of Treatment Code and Invalid Treatment Function Code

The use of consistent Treatment Function Codes (TFC) across all national and local applications where they are used is a key enabler to system interoperability and efficiency – it ensures the consistency of meaning of data when it is being transferred between systems. [DSCN 2014 / 08](#) was issued to update the NHS Wales list of permissible values associated with the TFC data item. This has formed part of an ongoing work programme to review and update definitions and codes associated with Specialty so that it is aligned across home nations.

This amendment outlined in [DSCN 2022 / 05](#) defines an updated list of TFCs published by NHS Digital as part of the update to the [DCB0028: Treatment Function and Main Specialty Standard](#). These enhancements were previously agreed by the NHS England Treatment Function Maintenance Group following engagement with the Royal Colleges.

The logic behind the following VASS checks and the new Treatment Function lookup was updated to adopt the English treatment function list:

- 50173: Invalid Specialty of Treatment Code
- 51214: Invalid Treatment Function Code
- 20315: Invalid Treatment Function Code
- 59104: Invalid Treatment Function Code