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VASS checks 51238 and 51615 (OP) created
Invalid Reason for Cancellation and Inconsistent Attended or Did Not Attend vs Reason for Cancellation

[DSCN 2019 / 10](#) mandated amendments to the recording of reasons for cancellation via the Outpatient data set. The DSCN describes the set of values to be used in the reporting of appointment cancellations using an additional field in the Outpatient data set.

Two new VASS checks were implemented to provide data quality assurance:

- 51238: Invalid Reason for Cancellation
- 51615: Inconsistent Attended or Did Not Attend vs Reason for Cancellation

VASS check '51238 Invalid Reason for Cancellation' was published within the Outpatient Data Validity report from July 2022 onwards and VASS check '51615 Inconsistent Attended or Did Not Attend vs Reason for Cancellation' was published within the Outpatient Data Consistency report from August 2022 onwards.

The logic behind the **Reason for Cancellation** check looks at whether a valid value has been submitted, as defined in the Data Standard published in the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

The logic behind the **Attended or Did Not Attend vs Reason for Cancellation** check inspects whether the two data items are consistent with one another.

If Attended or Did Not Attend = 4 (Appointment cancelled or postponed by the health care provider), then the Reason for Cancellation must be a valid code other than 199 (N/A – Not a hospital cancellation).'

If Attended or Did Not Attend = 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 or 8 (i.e., patient initiated) then Reason for Cancellation should be 199 (N/A – Not a hospital cancellation).