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VASS Check number 51238 (OP) amended Invalid Reason for Cancellation

On 1st January 2020, the [DSCN 2019 / 10](#) mandated the implementation of 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.

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 [DSCN 2024 / 08](#) mandated amendments to the recording of reasons for cancellations via the Outpatients data set, to extend values associated with the data item and to retire a value, as outlined below:

To add the following additional values:

- 171 - Pre-existing medical condition
- 172 - Unfit with acute illness
- 173 - Infectious disease

And to officially retire the following value:

- 198 - Hospital initiated cancellation – reason unknown

This resulted in the logic being updated behind the validity check 51238 – Invalid Reason for Cancellation and was implemented on 1st May 2024.