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<p>DATA STANDARDS CHANGE NOTICE</p> <p>A Data Standards Change Notice (DSCN) is an information mandate for a new or revised information standard.</p> <p>This DSCN was approved by the Welsh Information Standards Board (WISB) at its meeting on Thursday 23rd January 2025.</p> <p>WISB Reference: ISRN 2024/009</p>	
<p>Summary: To create a new Audiology patient level data collection to analyse all health boards waiting times.</p>	
<p>Data sets / returns affected: N/A</p>	
<p>Please address enquiries about this Data Standards Change Notice to the Data Standards Team in Digital Health and Care Wales</p> <p>E-mail: data.standards@wales.nhs.uk</p>	
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DATA STANDARDS CHANGE NOTICE

Introduction

Audiology have reported waiting times for the fitting of a first hearing aid in adults since 2011 as part of the Diagnostic and Therapy Waiting Times (DATs) aggregate data collection to DHCW each month. This data is submitted through HB information teams in order to monitor the Quadruple aim performance measures in the NHS Performance Framework and is subsequently published on 'StatsWales' alongside the therapy 14-week measure. From April 2024, audiology reporting has been pulled out by KAS as a separate reporting cube, in preparation for the extending MDS but also in recognition that Audiology is a speciality in its own right not a therapy.

Audiology in Wales has developed to provide care services across a number of other pathways and patient groups in line with Welsh Government (WG) policy and as part of positive transformational change. This includes the reassessment of hearing needs for those already using hearing aids; tinnitus assessment and rehabilitation; balance assessment and rehabilitation; children's audiology services; and diagnostic support including that for ENT. Additionally, in line with a patient centred care approach, the appropriate intervention in the management of hearing and communication difficulties may not always be a hearing aid.

The Quality of the performance of Audiology services in Wales is also assessed using mandated service Quality Standards 2. These have been in place in Wales for both adult and children's hearing services since 2009. Quality Standards for tinnitus and balance services have also been developed and their use mandated from 2023. Whilst these quality standards do include waiting times, amongst a range of other quality criteria, these are only formally reported biennially.

Other similar assessment and intervention pathways, such as those within therapy services (e.g. SALT, Physio) are reported in a more inclusive manner, with all people waiting for services being reported under a single or small number of targets. Similarly, diagnostic pathways for other physiological sciences (e.g. cardio and respiratory physiology) are subject to 8-week referral to assessment targets.

Currently only new adult hearing pathways, and the provision of a specific intervention (hearing aid), is subject to formal performance reporting through Health Boards to WG under the 14-week referral to treatment waiting time targets. This presents a risk that there is an understatement of the number of people waiting for all audiology services and has the potential to negatively impact on equity of access, as resources are targeted towards reportable activity. Audiology services have progressed in scope since the introduction of reportable waiting times – it is viewed that there is a need for a fresh look at reportable waits and audiology as a review of recent data highlighted that there are over 31,000 people waiting within active pathways for Audiology care in Wales, 17,000 of which are exceeding the proposed target waits. Current reporting only covers 4,400 (25%) of these patients which demonstrates the extent of the unreported waits for audiology care in Wales.

Based on the information provided, WG have made the decision to remove Audiology from the existing DATs aggregate data collection, and to create a new, separate patient level specific data collection to capture more granular information for Audiology which would reflect true wait times data across all services provided and to enable performance management of specific new audiology metrics.

Description of Change

- To create a new patient level Audiology data collection to analyse all health boards waiting times.

Data Dictionary Version

Where applicable, this DSCN reflects changes introduced by DSCN and/or DDCN since the release of version 4.25 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

The changes introduced by such DSCNs will be published in version 4.26 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

Actions Required

Local Health Boards:

- Ensure that local processes and systems have been updated to comply with the standard set out within this DSCN.

Digital Health Care Wales:

- Ensure that all national systems have been updated to comply with the standard set out within this DSCN.
- Data Acquisition will collaborate with all relevant organisations to agree upon the processes for data submission in preparation for collection.

Appendix A: Table reflecting areas that are impacted as a result of this DSCN

The following table shows where there are changes to the scope and/or definitions of applicable data sets, data items, terms and other associated areas that are linked with the changes documented within this DSCN.

Key:

- **New:** The creation of a new data item not already in the NHS Wales Data Dictionary
- **Retired:** The entire data item is no longer in use in the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.
- **Changed:** An existing data item on the NHS Wales Data Dictionary has been modified this includes a change to the definition or its value set.
- **Existing:** The inclusion of a data item in a standard that is already on the NHS Wales Data Dictionary, but no changes have been made to its definition or value

Data Definition Type	Name	New/Retired/Changed/Existing	Page Number
Patient Level Data Set	Audiology Wait Times	New	5
Data Item	Pathway Type	New	7
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Data Item	Patient's name	Existing	10
Data Item	Patient's Usual address	Existing	10
Data Item	Postcode of Usual Address	Existing	11
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Data Item	Gender	Existing	14
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Data Item	Local Patient Identifier	Existing	17
Data Item	Ethnic Group	Existing	17
Data Item	Age Group at Referral	Existing	19
Data Item	Organisation Code (Code of Provider)	Existing	20
Data Item	Treatment Function Code	Existing	21
Data Item	Clinical Referral Date	Existing	44
Data Item	Waiting List Date (WLD)	Existing	45
Data Item	Return Date	Existing	45

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.

Return Submission Details

Returns should be submitted monthly and signed off in the NHS Wales Data Switching Service by Local Health Boards by 17:00 on the 10th working day of the month.

Data Acquisition will work with all relevant organisations to establish and agree on processes for data submission ahead of collection.

Scope

The Audiology Wait Times data set provides detailed information on wait times across all audiology services, enabling effective performance management and tracking of specific new audiology metrics, as outlined below:

New adult hearing referral to treatment	Any NEW patient for assessment and intervention for hearing intervention regardless of referral route
Existing adult hearing referral to treatment	Any adult patient that we consider to be an existing patient whether they wear a hearing aid at all i.e. they would have been included in the New Adult Hearing pathway at some point
Tinnitus new referral to treatment	Any NEW patient for tinnitus assessment and intervention. New to this pathway.
Tinnitus existing referral to treatment	Any patient that has accessed a tinnitus pathway previously.
Balance new	Any patient referred for balance assessment and intervention whose pathway is being managed by audiology ie not on ENT list, may include BPPV.
Balance Existing	Any patient that has accessed a balance pathway previously and contacts us directly regarding same condition. New consultant referrals due to a change in condition may be considered a new referral.
Paeds assess	New referrals for assessment (including balance and tinnitus) excluding referrals from NBHSW.
Paediatric Audiology intervention	Referrals for any intervention ie hearing aids, tinnitus therapy etc. Referral start is the decision to treat date. Decision to treat could be made by an audiologist, ENT surgeon etc.
Diagnostic	Patients for assessment to inform a pathway managed by others; these patients will be waiting on an ENT/ Neurology pathway for example. Plus patients being managed by Audiology but who require additional advanced assessment e.g. patients requiring electrophysiology or non-organic assessment.

Dataset Structure

The Audiology Wait Times Dataset is effective from 1st April 2025.

Rating 1=mandatory 2=optional		Format/Length
	PATIENT DETAILS	
2	NHS Number	n10
2	Patient's Name	an70 or structured name with 2 an35 elements
2	Patient's Usual Address	an175 (5 lines each an35)
2	Postcode of Usual Address	an8
1	Organisation Code (LHB Area of Residence)	an3
1	Gender	n1
2	Birth Date	ccyymmdd
1	Code of Registered GP Practice	an6
1	Local Patient Identifier	an10
1	Ethnic Group	an2
1	Age Group at Referral	an2
	PATHWAY DATA ITEMS	
1	Organisation Code (Code of Provider)	an5
1	Treatment Function Code	n3
1	Pathway Type	an3
1	Clinical Referral Date	8 digit numeric, CCYMMDD
1	Waiting List Date (WLD)	8 digit numeric, CCYMMDD
1	Return Date	8 numeric digits in the format: - cccyymmdd
1	Active Wait	n5

Data Items

A) New Data Items

Pathway Type

This data item is / was included in the following data sets / collections between the dates shown:

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
AUD WT ds	1 st April 2025	

This identifies which clinical pathway the waiting time refers to.

Format: 3 character alpha-numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
AHN	Adult Hearing New. Any NEW patient for assessment and intervention for hearing intervention regardless of referral route.	1 st April 2025	
AHE	Adult Hearing existing. Any adult patient that we consider to be an existing patient whether they wear a hearing aid at all i.e. they would have been included in the New Adult Hearing pathway at some point.	1 st April 2025	
ATN	Adult Tinnitus New. Any NEW patient for tinnitus assessment and intervention. New to this pathway.	1 st April 2025	
ATE	Adult Tinnitus existing. Any patient that has accessed a tinnitus pathway previously.	1 st April 2025	
ABN	Adult Balance New. Any patient referred for balance assessment and intervention whose pathway is being managed by audiology i.e. not on ENT list, may include BPPV.	1 st April 2025	
ABE	Adult Balance Existing. Any patient that has accessed a balance pathway previously and contacts us directly regarding same condition. New consultant referrals due to a change in condition may be considered a new referral.	1 st April 2025	
PAN	Paediatric Assessment New. New referrals for assessment (including balance and tinnitus) excluding referrals from NBHSW.	1 st April 2025	
PIN	Referrals for any intervention ie hearing aids, tinnitus therapy etc. Referral start is the decision to treat date. Decision to treat could be made by an audiologist, ENT surgeon etc.	1 st April 2025	
DAV	Diagnostic Audio Vestibular. Patients for assessment to inform a pathway managed by others; these patients will be waiting on an ENT/ Neurology pathway for example. Plus patients being managed by Audiology but who require additional advanced assessment e.g. patients requiring electrophysiology or non-organic assessment.	1 st April 2025	

Active Wait

This data item is / was included in the following data sets / collections between the dates shown:

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
AUD WT ds	1 st April 2025	

Active Wait is the number of days a pathway is currently waiting, which takes into account any clock resets due to Could Not Attends (CNAs), Did Not Attends (DNAs) and any suspensions e.g social suspensions as per the Referral to Treatment (RTT) guidelines. This will allow us to capture/calculate when adjustments to a pathway have been made (i.e. short-term medical condition & social reasons)

Format: Max 5 digit numeric

(For example, if the value is only 1 day, it will it be formatted as 1)

A) Retired Data Items

N/A

B) Changes to existing Data Items

N/A

C) Existing Data Items

NHS Number

This data item is / was included in the following data sets / collections between the dates shown:

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
APC ds99	1st April 1999	
EAL ds	1st April 1999	21st November 2012
OP ds	1st April 1999	
CC ds	1st April 2007	
OPR ds	1st July 2008	
EDDS	1st April 2009	
PAP ds	1st April 2013	
SM ds	1st April 2014	
RTDS	1st April 2014	
MI ds	1st April 2016	
SCPC ds	1st January 2021	
SCPA ds	1st January 2021	3rd February 2021

National Cancer Ds – Core		
National Cancer Ds - SACT		
WECDs	1st August 2024	
AUD WT ds	1st April 2025	

The NHS number is the primary identifier of a person and is a unique identifier for a patient within the NHS in Wales.

It is mandatory to record the NHS Number

- (in the MI ds) for each woman and baby
- (in every other data set) for each patient registered with a GP practice in England and Wales.

The NHS number is allocated to an individual, to enable unique identification for NHS health care purposes.

The MI ds captures data relating to the woman at initial assessment and to mother and baby for all births. Each Health Board makes data available in relation to the events which they managed, and initial assessment and birth data will be linked nationally regardless of whether both events took place in the same or at different health boards. The NHS number is needed on each record to enable this data to be linked.

This NHS Number format was mandated for use effective 1st November 1997. Prior to this, the NHS Number was an alphanumeric code which ranged in size from 10 – 17 characters.

If known, the patient’s Health and Care Number should be used to populate this field for patients resident in Northern Ireland.

If known, the patient’s Community Health Index (CHI) Number should be used to populate this field for patients resident in Scotland.

Format: 10 digit numeric

See [Health and Care Number](#)

See [Community Health Index \(CHI\) Number](#)

Check Digit Algorithm

(This algorithm applies to the Welsh and English NHS Number and the Northern Ireland Health & Care Number. The check digit algorithm for the Scottish CHI Number is available on request from the NHS Wales Informatics Service.)

Step 1 Multiply each of the first nine digits by a weighting factor as follows:

Digit Position (starting from the left)	Factor
1	10
2	9
3	8
4	7

5	6
6	5
7	4
8	3
9	2

Step 2 Add the results of each multiplication together

Step 3 Divide the total by 11 and establish the remainder

Step 4 Subtract the remainder from 11 to give the check digit

Step 5 Check the remainder matches the check digit. If it does not, the number is invalid.

If the result of Step 4 is 11 then a check digit of 0 is used

If the result of Step 4 is 10 then the number is invalid and not used

Patient's name

This data item is / was included in the following data sets / collections between the dates shown:

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
APC ds99	1 st April 1999	
EAL ds	1 st April 1999	21 st November 2012
OP ds	1 st April 1999	
CC ds	1 st April 2007	
OPR ds	1 st July 2008	
EDDS	1 st April 2009	
RTDS	1 st April 2014	
MI ds	1 st April 2016	
National Cancer Ds - Core		
WECDS	1 st August 2024	
AUD WT ds	1 st April 2025	

This will be the patients preferred name. The patient is the arbiter of his/her/their name.

Format: either structured with two 35 alpha character elements (forename followed by surname) or an unstructured string of 70 characters. Use block capitals, ignore apostrophes and insert space for hyphen. Enter surname first then as many letters of the

first name as possible, leaving a blank box between each part of the name. Double-barrelled surnames should be coded in the same order as in the hospital records. [Name Format Code](#) indicates which format is being used.

Patient's Usual Address

This data item is / was included in the following data sets / collections between the dates shown:

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
APC ds99	1 st April 1999	
EAL ds	1 st April 1999	21 st November 2012
OP ds	1 st April 1999	
CC ds	1 st April 2007	
OPR ds	1 st July 2008	
EDDS	1 st April 2009	
RTDS	1 st April 2014	
MI ds	1 st April 2016	
SCPC ds	1 st January 2021	
National Cancer Ds - Core		
WECDS	1 st August 2024	
AUD WT ds	1 st April 2025	

This is the usual address:

- (in the SCPC ds) for the patient at the Pathway Start Date (Point of Suspicion of Cancer)
- (in every other data set listed above) nominated by the patient at the time of admission or attendance. If patients usually reside elsewhere are staying in hotels, hostels or other residential establishments for a short term, say a week, they should be recorded as staying at their usual place of residence. However if long term, such as at boarding school, the school address must be recorded. University students may nominate either their home address or the address of their university accommodation. Where patients are not capable of supplying this information, because of age or mental illness, for example, then the person responsible for the patient, such as a parent or guardian, should nominate the usual address. Patients not able to provide an address should be asked for their most recent address. If this cannot be established then you should record the address as `No fixed abode` or `Address unknown`. These patients are regarded as resident in the local geographical district for contracting purposes. For birth episodes this should refer to the mother's usual place of residence.

Format: 175 character alpha-numeric. This is based on 5 lines of 35 characters. This relates to the physical layout of the address, not the logical layout and does not require intelligent intervention when splitting the text string into lines.

Prior to April 1999 the PEDW Format: 100 character alpha-numeric. This is based on 4 lines of 25 characters. This relates to the physical layout of the address, not the logical layout.

Postcode of Usual Address

This data item is / was included in the following data sets / collections between the dates shown:

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
APC ds99	1 st April 1999	
EAL ds	1 st April 1999	21 st November 2012
OP ds	1 st April 1999	
CC ds	1 st April 2007	
OPR ds	1 st July 2008	
EDDS	1 st April 2009	
RTDS	1 st April 2014	
MI ds	1 st April 2016	
SCPC ds	1 st January 2021	
National Cancer Ds - Core		
National Cancer Ds - SACT		
WECDS	1 st August 2024	
AUD WT ds	1 st April 2025	

The code assigned by Royal Mail to identify postal delivery areas across the United Kingdom.

This is the usual address

- (in the SCPC ds) for the patient at the Pathway Start Date (Point of Suspicion of Cancer)
- (in every other data set listed above) nominated by the patient at the time of admission or attendance

Format: 8 character alpha-numeric. This allows a space to be inserted to differentiate between the inward and outward segments of the code, enabling full use to be made of the Royal Mail postcode functionality.

Organisation Data Service rules apply.

If a patient has no fixed abode, this should be recorded with the appropriate code (ZZ99 3VZ).

For overseas visitors, the postcode field must show the relevant country pseudo postcode commencing ZZ99, plus spaces followed by a numeric, then an alpha character, then a Z.

For example, ZZ99 6CZ is the pseudo-postcode for India. Pseudo-postcodes can be found in the NHS Postcode Directory.

See [Postcode](#)

(PEDW (Prior to April 1999), Psychiatric Census)

The postcode applied to the usual address nominated by the patient at the time of admission or attendance, using rules supplied above and those in the NHS Postcode User Directory.

Format: 8 character alpha-numeric. The 5th position is always blank (Δ) and possibly the 3rd and 4th characters may be blank also.

See [Postcode](#)

Organisation Code (LHB Area of Residence)

This data item is / was included in the following data sets / collections between the dates shown:

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
APC ds99	1 st April 1999	
EAL ds	1 st April 1999	21 st November 2012
OP ds	1 st April 1999	
RTT	1 st April 2007	31 st August 2011
PP01W		8 th February 2021
OPR ds	1 st July 2008	
EDDS	1 st April 1999	
CRTT	1 st June 2009	31 st August 2011
Angiogram	1 st December 2008	1 st April 2010
RTT (Combined)	1 st September 2011	
MI ds	1 st April 2016	
WECDS	1 st August 2024	
AUD WT ds	1 st April 2025	

The Local Health Board where the patient is a resident, identified via the NHS Postcode Directory. This ensures that the Local Health Board can receive information about the care given to its residents.

Format: 3 character alpha-numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
NAN	The code of the LHB. Codes for Welsh LHBs can be accessed via the Welsh Reference Data Service – WRDS (wales.nhs.uk) (NHS Wales Users Only)	N/A	N/A
X98	Not applicable e.g. for overseas visitors	1 st April 1996	

Note: For English Residents treated in Wales, use the Organisation Code of the Primary Care Trust (PCT) of Residence for all activity / waiting times data up to 31st March 2013.

From 1st April 2013 (inclusive) onwards, use the Organisation Code of the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

Reference data files containing details of the Organisation Codes for English organisations, including the NHS postcode file, can be accessed via the NHS postcode file, which is available via the Technology Reference data Update Distribution (TRUD).

The TRUD website can be accessed via the following link:

<https://isd.hscic.gov.uk>

See [Organisation Code](#)

Gender

This data item is / was included in the following data sets / collections between the dates shown:

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
SM ds	1 st April 2014	
National Cancer Ds - Core		
National Cancer Ds - SACT		
AUD WT ds	1st April 2025	

The gender of a client (as stated by the client).

Gender identity is a person's sense of identification with either the male or female sex, as manifested in appearance, behaviour, and other aspects of a person's life.

Format: 1 digit numeric

Value	Meaning
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1	Male
2	Female
9	Not Specified

Birth Date

This data item is / was included in the following data sets / collections between the dates shown:

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
APC ds99	1 st April 1999	
EAL ds	1 st April 1999	21 st November 2012
OP ds	1 st April 1999	
CC ds	1 st April 2007	
OPR ds	1 st July 2008	
EDDS	1 st April 2009	
SBH50-59a		2 nd January 2013
Non - Medical Staffing		2 nd January 2013
PAP ds	1 st April 2013	
SM ds	1 st April 2014	
RTDS	1 st April 2014	
MI ds	1 st April 2016	
SCPC ds	1 st January 2021	
National Cancer Ds - Core		
National Cancer Ds - SACT		
WECDS	1 st August 2024	
AUD WT ds	1 st April 2025	

Date of birth of patient / client.

Format: 8 digit numeric, CCYYMMDD

For Radiotherapy Data Set and Welsh Emergency Care Data Set

Format: CCYY-MM-DD

If the Date of Birth is unknown; use the date '11/11/1811' (that is 18111111)

Where [Birth Date Status](#) is associated with this data item it should be used to indicate whether Birth Date is supplied or is not applicable.

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
00000000	Date of Birth Unknown	1 st March 2006	31 st January 2007
18111111	Date of Birth Unknown	1 st February 2007	

(Psychiatric Census)

Date of birth of patient.

Format: 8 digit numeric, DDMCCYY

Code of Registered GP Practice

This data item is / was included in the following data sets / collections between the dates shown:

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
APC ds	1 st September 2012	
EAL ds	1 st April 1999	21 st November 2012
General		
OP ds	1 st April 1999	
CC ds	1 st April 2007	
OPR ds	1 st July 2008	
EDDS	1 st April 2009	
RTDS	1 st April 2014	
SCPC ds	1 st January 2021	
RTT weekly PTL ds	1 st April 2025	
AUD WT ds	1st April 2025	

This is the code of the patient's registered General Practitioner (GP) Practice. This allows the practice to be notified about treatment received by the patient.

The registered GP Practice may or may not be the same as the referring GP Practice.

For RTT PTL data set: This relates to the patient's current registered Welsh GP practice at the time of reporting.

Format: 6 character alpha-numeric

See [Organisation Code](#)

Local Patient Identifier

This data item is / was included in the following data sets / collections between the dates shown:

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
APC ds99	1 st April 1999	
EAL ds	1 st April 1999	21 st November 2012
OP ds	1 st April 1999	
OPR ds	1 st July 2008	
EDDS	1 st April 2009	
PAP ds	1 st April 2013	
RTDS	1 st April 2014	
SCPC ds	1 st January 2021	
SCPA ds	1 st January 2021	3 rd February 2021
National Cancer Ds - Core		
National Cancer Ds - SACT		
WECDS	1 st August 2024	
AUD WT ds	1 st April 2025	

This is the case record number. It is a unique identifier for a patient within a health care provider.

Format: 10 character alpha-numeric

See [CASE RECORD NUMBER](#)

Where care for NHS patients is sub-commissioned in the independent sector or overseas, the NHS commissioner local patient identifier should be used. If no NHS local patient identifier has been assigned the independent sector or overseas provider identifier should be used.

Ethnic Group

This data item is / was included in the following data sets / collections between the dates shown:

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
APC ds99	1 st April 1999	
NCCHD		
CC ds	1 st April 2007	
OPR ds	1 st September 2008	
EDDS	1 st April 2009	
SM ds	1 st April 2014	
Non – Medical Staffing	-	2 nd January 2013
MI ds	1 st April 2016	
SCPC ds	1 st January 2021	
National Cancer Ds - Core		
AUD WT ds	1st April 2025	

This is the ethnic group of the patient, as selected by the patient. The patient is the arbiter of the information. Classifications are based on the ethnic group data categories used in the 2011 Census and the information recorded about ethnic group must be obtained by asking the patient / client.

Format: 2 character alpha- numeric – AB, where the first character (A) is a value taken from the list in the table below, and the second character (B) is a locally defined value to be used in conjunction with the nationally defined values. If no further local breakdown is required, the second character (B) should be filled with a 'Z'. Note that for the Substance Misuse and Maternity Indicators data set, only the first character (A) is submitted.

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
	WHITE		
A	Any White Background, including Welsh, English, Scottish, Northern Irish, Irish, British	1 st April 2002 Amended 1 st April 2017	
B	Gypsy or Irish Traveller	1 st April 2017*	
	MIXED / MULTIPLE ETHNIC GROUP		
D	White and Black Caribbean	1 st April 2002	
E	White and Black African	1 st April 2002	
F	White and Asian	1 st April 2002	
G	Any other mixed background / multiple ethnic background	1 st April 2002 Amended 1 st April 2017	
	ASIAN OR ASIAN BRITISH		
H	Indian	1 st April 2002	
J	Pakistani	1 st April 2002	
K	Bangladeshi	1 st April 2002	
R	Chinese	1st April 2002	
L	Any other Asian background	1 st April 2002	
	BLACK OR BLACK BRITISH		
M	Caribbean	1 st April 2002	

N	African	1 st April 2002	
P	Any other Black background	1 st April 2002	
	OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS		
T	Arab	1 st April 2017*	
S	Any other ethnic group	1 st April 2002	
	NOT STATED		
Z	Not stated	1 st April 2002	

*Note that this code was included as a valid value in the Maternity Indicators data set from April 2016

The codes below are for historical information only and were retired on the 1st April 2002.

Format: 2 character alpha-numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
0	White	1 st July 1997	31 st March 2002
1	Black – Caribbean	1 st July 1997	31 st March 2002
2	Black – African	1 st July 1997	31 st March 2002
3	Black – Other	1 st July 1997	31 st March 2002
4	Indian	1 st July 1997	31 st March 2002
5	Pakistani	1 st July 1997	31 st March 2002
6	Bangladeshi	1 st July 1997	31 st March 2002
7	Chinese	1 st July 1997	31 st March 2002
8	Any other ethnic group	1 st July 1997	31 st March 2002
9	Not given	1 st July 1997	31 st March 2002

Age Group at Referral

This data item is / was included in the following data sets / collections between the dates shown:

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
DATS	31 st October 2021	
RTT (Combined)	31 st October 2021	
AUD WT ds	1 st April 2025	

Is the age group that applies to the age of the patient at the time the referral is made into secondary care. For open pathways the appropriate age group should be recorded. For all closed pathways the Value 99 Not Known/Not Recorded should be used.

For users calculating the age group based on age in days, use the formula: $\text{Days} \div 365.25$

Format: 2 character alpha numeric

Value	Meaning
01	<16 years This includes patients up to, but not including, their 16 th birthday
02	16 & 17 years This includes patients on their 16 th birthday up to, but not including, their 18 th birthday
03	=>18 years This includes patient on their 18 th birthday and older
99	Not Known/Not Recorded

Organisation Code (Code of Provider)

This data item is / was included in the following data sets / collections between the dates shown:

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
APC ds99	1 st April 1999	
EAL ds	1 st April 1999	21 st November 2012
OP ds	1 st April 1999	
CC ds	1 st April 2007	
OPR ds	1 st July 2008	
DATS		
RTT	1 st April 2007	31 st August 2011
RTT-PTR	1 st September 2008	30 th September 2009
PP01W		8 th February 2021
EDDS	1 st April 2009	
RTT (Combined)	1 st September 2011	
PAP ds	1 st April 2013	
RTDS	1 st April 2014	
MI ds	1 st April 2016	
SCPC ds	1 st January 2021	
SCPA ds	1 st January 2021	3 rd February 2021
WECDs	1 st August 2024	
AUD WT ds	1 st April 2025	

This is the organisation code of the health care provider. The provider code identifies the health care provider who is responsible for managing the treatment of the patient.

Notes:

1. Healthcare providers may also act as commissioners when sub-contracting patient care services to other providers of health care.
2. Although the healthcare provider identified in this data item is responsible for managing the patient’s treatment, it may not necessarily be where the treatment is actually conducted. For example, where the treatment has been sub-contracted to another healthcare provider.
3. For OPR ds, the Organisation Code (Code of Provider) is that of the organisation receiving the referral. If the provider is a Local Health Board/Trust, use the 3 character Local Health Board/Trust code with 2 zeros placed in the 4th and 5th character position.
4. For Referral to Treatment Times (Combined), use the 3 character Local Health Board/Trust code.

Format:

For Patient Level Data Sets (*APC, OP, CC, OPR, PAP, RTDS*):-

5 character alpha-numeric Local Health Board/Trust Code with 2 zeros placed in the 4th and 5th character position.

For Aggregate Data Collections (*DATS and RTT (Combined)*):-

3 character alpha numeric Local Health Board/Trust Code

Value	Meaning
XAABB	The organisation code for the provider

Default codes:

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
89997	Non-UK provider where no organisation code has been issued	1 st April 2004	
89999	Non-NHS UK provider where no organisation code has been requested and issued	1 st April 2002	

See [ORGANISATION CODE](#)

Treatment Function Code

This data item is / was included in the following data sets / collections between the dates shown:

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
APC ds99	1 st April 1999	
OP ds	1 st April 1999	
EAL ds	1 st April 1999	21 st November 2012
CC ds	1 st April 2007	
OPR ds	1 st July 2008	
RTT (Combined)	1 st September 2011	
PAP ds	1 st April 2013	
WECDS	1 st August 2024	
AUD WT ds	1 st April 2025	

(This data item was formerly known as 'Consultant Specialty Function Code' with the new title being implemented from 15th May 2006)

This is the specialty under which the patient will be or is treated. This may either be the same as the specialty function recorded as the consultant's main specialty or a different specialty function which will be the consultant's interest specialty function. Note that both the main specialty function and the interest specialty function should be based on one of the Royal College specialties.

For the Welsh Emergency Care Data Set (WECDS):

This is the Treatment Function Code of the service to which a patient is to be admitted following an attendance at an Urgent and Emergency Care service.

For Referral to Treatment Times (RTT) (Combined):

Diagnostic Services

- For pre-consultant referrals to a diagnostic service specified in the table below, a 'pseudo' Treatment Function Code of 998 (Diagnostic Services) should be used.
- Following a consultant referral, the wait for a patient referred to any diagnostic service should be captured using the Treatment Function Code of the referring specialty.

Allied Health Professional (AHP) Services

- For pre-consultant referrals to an Allied Health Professional (AHP) service specified in the table below, a 'pseudo' Treatment Function Codes of 999 (Allied Health Professional Services) should be used.
- Following a consultant referral:
 - Should clinical responsibility remain with the referring consultant, the Treatment Function Code should be that of the referring specialty.
 - Should clinical responsibility for patient care transfer to an AHP service specified in the table below a Treatment Function Code of 999 should be used.

Consultant Referrals

- For consultant referrals, a 'pseudo' Treatment Function Code should not be used.
- As per current RTT rules, the Treatment Function Codes above are not to be used for the reporting of Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Referral to Treatment Times.

Diagnostic & Allied Health Professional (AHP) Services

Service	Service Sub Heading	Diagnostic or Allied Health Professional (AHP) Service
Audiology (Adult Hearing Aids)	Consultant GP	Diagnostic Service
Cardiology	Stress Test Echo Cardiogram	Diagnostic Service
Diagnostic Endoscopy	Gastroscopy Flexible Sigmoidoscopy Colonoscopy Cystoscopy Bronchoscopy	Diagnostic Service
Dietetics	Adults Paediatrics	AHP Service
Imaging	Fluoroscopy	
Neurophysiology	Electromyography Nerve conduction studies	Diagnostic Service
Occupational Therapy	Adults Paediatrics	AHP Service
Physiological measurement	Urodynamic tests Vascular technology	Diagnostic Service
Physiotherapy	Adults Paediatrics	AHP Service
Podiatry	Urgent Routine	AHP Service
Radiology – GP Referral	Barium Enema C.T. M.R.	Diagnostic Service
Radiology – Consultant Referral	Non-Obstetric Ultrasound Nuclear Medicine	Diagnostic Service
Speech & Language	Adults Paediatrics	AHP Service

Format: 3 digit numeric

Code	Treatment Function Title	Valid From	Comments
Surgical Specialties			
100	General Surgery Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services delivering surgical activity not covered by other subspecialty areas. The majority of elective procedures, about 80 per cent, fall outside subspecialty areas. For further information, see: Royal College of Surgeons - Surgical Specialties
101	Urology Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Surgical services for the treatment of disorders of the urinary system and male reproductive system. This includes surgery for gender dysphoria. For further information, see: Royal College of Surgeons - Urology

102	Transplant Surgery Service	1 st April 2015	Services for pre- and post-operative care for major organ transplants except heart and lung. Excludes Cardiothoracic Transplantation Service - see Treatment Function Code 174, corneal grafts carried out by Ophthalmology Service - see Treatment Function Code 130 and Blood and Bone Marrow Transplantation Service - see Treatment Function Code 308. For further information, see: Royal College of Surgeons - General Surgery
103	Breast Surgery Service	1 st April 2015	Services which include surgical treatment for cancer, suspected neoplasms, indeterminate breast lesions, benign breast lumps, disorders of the nipple-areolar complex, cysts, and post-cancer reconstructive, revision and symmetrising surgery. Includes breast surgery for gender dysphoria. Excludes cosmetic surgery. For further information, see: Association of Breast Surgery
104	Colorectal Surgery Service	1 st April 2015	Services for the surgical treatment of disorders of the lower intestine (colon, anus, and rectum)
105	Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgery Service	1 st April 2015	Specialist surgical services for hepatobiliary and pancreatic (HPB) disorders. To be used by recognised specialist units and associated outreach services only. Excludes Transplant Surgery Service - see Treatment Function Code 102.
106	Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery Service	1 st April 2015	Services for surgical treatment of disorders of the upper parts of the gastrointestinal tract. For further information, see: Royal College of Surgeons - General Surgery
107	Vascular Surgery Service	1 st April 2015	Services for surgical treatment of diseases of the vascular system. For further information, see Royal College of Surgeons - Vascular Surgery
108	Spinal Surgery Service	1 st April 2015	Surgery concentrating on specialised and complex treatment of issues of the back and spine. To be used by recognised specialist units and associated outreach services only. Excludes Trauma and Orthopaedic Service - see Treatment Function Code 110, Orthopaedic Service - see Treatment Function Code 111, Trauma Surgery Service - see Treatment Function Code 115 and Spinal Injuries Service - see Treatment Function Code 323. For further information, see: British Association of Spine Surgeons
109	Bariatric Surgery Service	24 th January 2022	Services assessing, managing, and treating obesity, and specifically consideration of bariatric (weight loss) surgery. It includes patients who are obese and have, or are at risk of, other medical conditions. It does not cover preventing a person from becoming overweight or obese, or lifestyle weight management programmes for a person who is overweight or obese. For further information, see: National Institute for Health and Care Excellence - Obesity
110	Trauma and Orthopaedic Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services to treat injuries, congenital and acquired disorders of the bones, joints, and their associated soft tissues, including ligaments, nerves, and muscles. Excludes Orthopaedic Surgery Service - Treatment Function Code 111 and Spinal Surgery Service- see Treatment Function Code 108. For major trauma centres use Trauma Surgery Service - see Treatment Function Code 115. For further information, see: Royal College of Surgeons - Major Trauma Surgery and Royal College of Surgeons - Orthopaedic Surgery

111	Orthopaedic Service	24 th January 2022	Services for the elective or planned surgical assessment or treatment of the musculoskeletal system. Excludes Trauma Surgery Service - see Treatment Function Code 115. Where there is no dedicated Orthopaedic Service use Trauma and Orthopaedic Service - see Treatment Function Code 110. For further information, see: Royal College of Surgeons - Orthopaedic Surgery
113	Endocrine Surgery Service	24 th January 2022	Services for the surgical treatment of diseases of the thyroid and/or other endocrine glands. For further information, see: Royal College of Surgeons - General Surgery
115	Trauma Surgery Service	24 th January 2022	Major trauma specialist services at a designated unit, with the specific exclusion of Spinal Surgery Service - see Treatment Function Code 108. Excludes elective or planned Orthopaedic Surgery Service - see Treatment Function Code 111. Where there is no major trauma centre use Trauma and Orthopaedics Service - see Treatment Function Code 110. For further information, see: Royal College of Surgeons - Major Trauma Surgery
120	Ear Nose and Throat Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Formerly known as ENT. Surgical services for the assessment, diagnosis, management and treatment of ear, nose and/or throat issues. Excludes Audiology Service - see Treatment Function Code 840. For further information, see: Royal College of Surgeons - Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT).
130	Ophthalmology Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	The surgical treatment of disorders and diseases of the eye. Excludes Medical Ophthalmology Service - see Treatment Function Code 460 and Ophthalmic and Vision Science Service - see Treatment Function Code 461. For further information, see: Royal College of Ophthalmologists.
140	Oral Surgery Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services for the diagnosis and surgical treatment of diseases, injuries, and defects of hard and soft tissues of the mouth. Excludes departments delivering a service where oral surgery and maxillofacial services are mixed (i.e., an outpatient clinic accepting oral surgery and maxillofacial surgery patients) - see Treatment Function Code 145. For further information, see: British Association of Oral Surgeons Specialty Training Curriculum - Oral Surgery
141	Restorative Dentistry Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services providing examination and treatment of diseases of the oral cavity, the teeth, and their supporting structures. Restorative Dentistry includes the dental specialties of Endodontics, Periodontics and Prosthodontics (including implantology), and its foundation is based upon how these interact in the management of cases requiring multifaceted care. For further information, see: British Society for Restorative Dentistry
143	Orthodontic Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services for the treatment of malocclusions (improper bites). Orthodontic treatment can focus on dental displacement only or can deal with the control and modification of facial growth. For further information, see British Orthodontic Society
144	Maxillofacial Surgery Service	1 st April 2016	Professional recommendation is to use Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Service where this service is combined with oral surgery - see Treatment Function Code 145. Alternatively, for oral surgery services only see Treatment Function Code 140. This code has been retained for existing services which only provide maxillofacial surgery.

145	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Service	24 th January 2022	Combined services providing diagnosis and surgical treatment of diseases, injuries and defects involving hard and soft tissues of the mouth, jaws, and neck. These services may have formerly been categorised as Treatment Function Code 140 (Oral Surgery Service) or Treatment Function Code 144 (Maxillofacial Surgery Service). For further information, see: British Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons
150	Neurosurgical Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Surgical services for the treatment of disorders of the nervous system including the including the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerves, and extra-cranial cerebrovascular system. Excludes Spinal Surgery Service - see Treatment Function Code 108. For major trauma centres use Trauma Surgery Service - see Treatment Function Code 115. For further information, see: Royal College of Surgeons - Neurosurgery
160	Plastic Surgery Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services to correct or restore form and function. In addition to cosmetic or aesthetic surgery, plastic surgery includes many types of reconstructive surgery, and the treatment of burns. For care given within specialist burn services, use Burns Care Service - see Treatment Function Code 161. Excludes breast surgery for gender dysphoria, use Breast Surgery Service - see Treatment Function Code 103. For further information, see: Royal College of Surgeons - Plastic and Reconstructive
161	Burns Care Service	1 st April 2016	Services for the surgical and non-surgical treatment of burns within recognised specialist burns units and associated outreach services only. For further information, see: British Burn Association
170	Cardiothoracic Surgery Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services delivering surgical treatment of diseases affecting the heart and organs inside the thorax (the chest). Should only be used where there are no separate services for Cardiac Surgery and Thoracic Surgery. For further information, see: Royal College of Surgeons - Cardiothoracic Surgery
172	Cardiac Surgery Service	1 st April 2016	Services delivering surgical treatment of diseases affecting the heart. Procedures are often lengthy and complex, requiring support from advanced forms of technology during surgery. For further information, see: Royal College of Surgeons - Cardiothoracic Surgery
173	Thoracic Surgery Service	1 st April 2016	Services providing surgical treatment of diseases affecting organs inside the thorax (the chest). Generally, treatment of conditions of the lungs, chest wall, and diaphragm. Predominantly this is surgical treatment of malignant disease or its effects. For further information, see: Royal College of Surgeons - Cardiothoracic Surgery
174	Cardiothoracic Transplantation Service	1 st April 2016	Services for pre- and post-operative care for heart and lung transplants. To be used by recognised specialist units and associated outreach services only. For further information, see: Royal College of Surgeons - Cardiothoracic Surgery

Other Children's Specialist Services – The Paediatric TREATMENT FUNCTION CODES represent CLINICS OR FACILITIES intended to provide dedicated SERVICES to children with appropriate facilities and support staff, i.e., they are designed for children only. If a CLINIC OR FACILITY provides this but also treats adult PATIENTS as part of the SERVICE, then a Paediatric TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE may not be appropriate. The age of the PATIENT attending does not initiate a change to the TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE for the ACTIVITY.

142 ¹	Paediatric Dentistry Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Dedicated children's services for dentistry with appropriate facilities and support staff. For further information, see: The British Society of Paediatric Dentistry
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171 ¹	Paediatric Surgery Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Dedicated children's services for general surgery. For further information, see: Royal College of Surgeons - Paediatric Surgery
211	Paediatric Urology Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services for surgical treatment of disorders of the urinary system and male reproductive system. For further information, see: British Association of Paediatric Surgeons - Urology
212	Paediatric Transplantation Surgery Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services for pre- and post-operative care for major organ transplants except heart and lung. Excludes Paediatric Cardiac Surgery Service - see Treatment Function Code 221, Paediatric Thoracic Surgery Service - see Treatment Function Code 222, corneal grafts carried out by Paediatric Ophthalmology Service - see Treatment Function Code 216 and Blood and Bone Marrow Transplantation Service - see Treatment Function Code 308. For further information, see: Royal College of Surgeons - General Surgery
213	Paediatric Gastrointestinal Surgery Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services for surgical treatment of disorders of the gastrointestinal tract. For further information, see: British Association of Paediatric Surgeons - Gastrointestinal
214	Paediatric Trauma and Orthopaedic Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services to treat injuries, congenital and acquired disorders of the bones, joints, and their associated soft tissues, including ligaments, nerves, and muscles. Excludes Trauma Surgery Service - see Treatment Function Code 115 and Spinal Surgery Service - see Treatment Function Code 108. For further information, see: British Society for Children's Orthopaedic Surgery (BSCOS)
215	Paediatric Ear Nose and Throat Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's surgical services for the assessment, diagnosis, management and treatment of ear, nose and/or throat issues. Excludes Audiology Service - see Treatment Function Code 840. For further information, see: British Association for Paediatric Otolaryngology
216	Paediatric Ophthalmology Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services for the surgical treatment of disorders and diseases of the eye. For further information, see: British & Irish Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Association
217	Paediatric Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services providing diagnosis and surgical treatment of diseases, injuries and defects involving hard and soft tissues of the mouth, jaws, and neck. Excludes Paediatric Dentistry Services - see Treatment Function Code 142. For further information, see: British Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons
218	Paediatric Neurosurgery Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services for the surgical treatment of disorders which affect any portion of the nervous system including the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerves, and extra-cranial cerebrovascular system. For further information, see: Royal College of Surgeons - Neurosurgery
219	Paediatric Plastic Surgery Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services for correction or to restore form and function. In addition to cosmetic or aesthetic surgery, plastic surgery includes many types of reconstructive surgery, and the treatment of burns. For care given within specialist paediatric burn services, use Paediatric Burns Care Service - see Treatment Function Code 220.
220	Paediatric Burns Care Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services for the surgical and non-surgical treatment of burns within recognised specialist burns units and associated outreach services only. For further information, see: British Burn Association

221	Paediatric Cardiac Surgery Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services for the surgical treatment of the heart or great vessels.
222	Paediatric Thoracic Surgery Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services for the surgical treatment of diseases affecting organs inside the thorax (the chest). Generally, treatment of conditions of the lungs, chest wall, and diaphragm. For further information, see: British Association of Paediatric Surgeons - Thoracic
223	Paediatric Epilepsy Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services by consultant paediatrician with expertise in epilepsy supported by specialist staff. For further information, see: Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - Epilepsy
230	Paediatric Clinical Pharmacology Service	24 th January 2022	Dedicated children's services providing advice and support locally and nationally regarding the introduction of new medicines, adverse drug reactions, poisoning and toxicity, and prescribing policies. For further information, see: Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - Drugs and medicines
240	Paediatric Palliative Medicine Service	24 th January 2022	Dedicated children's services improving the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problems associated with life-limiting illness. Prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification, assessment and treatment of pain and other problems, physical, psychosocial, and spiritual. For further information, see: Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - Palliative care
241	Paediatric Pain Management Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services for complex pain disorders requiring diagnosis and treatment by a specialist Multidisciplinary Team. For further information, see: Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - Pain management
242	Paediatric Intensive Care Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services only to be used by designated Paediatric Intensive Care Units. For further information, see: Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - Intensive care medicine
250	Paediatric Hepatology Service	24 th January 2022	Dedicated children's services for the treatment of disease of the liver. For further information, see: Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - Hepatology
251	Paediatric Gastroenterology Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services for the treatment of disorders of the digestive system. For further information, see: Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - Gastroenterology
252	Paediatric Endocrinology Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services for the treatment of disorders of the endocrine system. Excludes Paediatric Diabetes Service - see Treatment Function Code 263. For further information, see: British Society for Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes
253	Paediatric Clinical Haematology Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services contributing to the diagnosis and management of diseases of the blood and bone marrow. May be consultative in other specialties including intensive care. Excludes Anticoagulant Service - see Treatment Function Code 324.
254	Paediatric Audio Vestibular Medicine Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services for the investigation, diagnosis, and management of patients with disorders of balance, hearing, tinnitus, and auditory communication. Excludes Audiology Service - see Treatment Function Code 840. For further information, see: British Association of Paediatricians in Audiology

255	Paediatric Clinical Immunology and Allergy Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services for the treatment of disorders of the immune system and allergic disease. For further information, see: Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - Paediatric allergy, immunology, and infectious diseases - sub-specialty
256	Paediatric Infectious Diseases Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services for the diagnosis and treatment of contagious or communicable diseases. For further information, see: Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - Paediatric allergy, immunology, and infectious diseases - sub-specialty
257	Paediatric Dermatology Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services for the treatment of diseases of the skin. For further information, see: The British Society for Paediatric Dermatology (BSPD)
258	Paediatric Respiratory Medicine Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services for the diagnosis and treatment of respiratory conditions. Also known as Thoracic Medicine and Pulmonary Medicine. For further information, see: Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - Paediatric respiratory medicine - sub-specialty
259	Paediatric Nephrology Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services for the diagnosis and treatment of kidney conditions and abnormalities. Also known as Renal Medicine. For further information, see: Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - Nephrology
260	Paediatric Medical Oncology Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services for the diagnosis and treatment, typically with Chemotherapy, of patients with cancer. For further information, see: Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - Oncology
261	Paediatric Inherited Metabolic Medicine Service	1 st April 2016	Formerly known as Paediatric Metabolic Disease. Dedicated children's services for the diagnosis and management of inherited metabolic conditions utilising biochemistry and metabolic characteristics requiring the expertise of both the physician and chemical pathologist. For further information, see: Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - Inherited metabolic medicine
262	Paediatric Rheumatology Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services incorporating the investigation, multidisciplinary holistic management, and rehabilitation of patients with a wide spectrum of disorders of the musculoskeletal system encompassing the locomotor apparatus, bone and connective tissues and blood vessels. For further information, see: Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - Rheumatology
263	Paediatric Diabetes Service	1 st April 2016	Formerly known as Paediatric Diabetes Medicine. Dedicated children's services for the diagnosis, treatment, and support of patients with diabetes. For further information, see: Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - Diabetes
264	Paediatric Cystic Fibrosis Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated multidisciplinary children's services concerned with the diagnosis, assessment, and management of patients with cystic fibrosis. This Treatment Function Code should be used by recognised specialist centres only.
270	Paediatric Emergency Medicine Service	24 th January 2022	Dedicated children's services to care for patients with urgent problems delivered as part of an Accident and Emergency Attendance . Excludes Trauma Surgery Service - see Treatment Function Code 115. For further information, see: Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - Emergency Medicine

280	Paediatric Interventional Radiology Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services for the diagnosis and treatment of diseases utilising minimally invasive image-guided procedures. Not to be used for Diagnostic Imaging - see Treatment Function Code 812. For further information, see: British Society of Interventional Radiology - What is Interventional Radiology
290	Community Paediatric Service	1 st April 2016	Services providing assessment and care to vulnerable children, including those with developmental disorders and disabilities, complex behavioural presentations, and those at risk of abuse or are being abused. Excludes Paediatric Neurodisability Service - see Treatment Function Code 291. For further information, see: Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - Community child health - sub-specialty
291	Paediatric Neurodisability Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated Children's services for the diagnosis and treatment of Cerebral Palsy and non-progressive handicapping neurological conditions, with or without Learning Disability / Intellectual Disability. For further information, see: Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - Neurodisability
321 ¹	Paediatric Cardiology Service	1 st April 2016	Dedicated children's services for diseases and abnormalities of the heart. Excludes Congenital Heart Disease Service - see Treatment Function Code 331. For further information, see: Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board - Paediatric Cardiology
421 ¹	Paediatric Neurology Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Dedicated children's services for diagnosis, management and medical treatment of conditions and diseases of the central nervous system, with appropriate facilities and support staff. Excludes Paediatric Epilepsy Service - see Treatment Function Code 223. For further information, see: Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - Neurology

Medical Specialties

180 ¹	Emergency Medicine Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Formerly known as Accident & Emergency. Services to care for patients with urgent problems delivered as part of an Accident and Emergency Attendance or admission at an Accident and Emergency Department. Excludes Trauma Surgery Service - see Treatment Function Code 115. For further information, see: The Royal College of Emergency Medicine
190	Anaesthetic Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services for patients being assessed for anaesthesia, as well as the provision of sedation and anaesthesia for patients undergoing interventional radiology and radiotherapy. This can be used in outpatients only. Pain Management Service should be recorded in Treatment Function Code 191. Intensive Care Medicine Service should be recorded in Treatment Function Code 192. For further information, see: Royal college of Anaesthetists - Anaesthetists
191 ¹	Pain Management Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services for complex pain disorders requiring diagnosis and treatment by a specialist Multi-disciplinary Team.
192	Intensive Care Medicine Service	1 st April 2016	Formerly known as Critical Care Medicine. Services using a body of specialist knowledge and practice concerned with the treatment of patients, with, at risk of, or recovering from potentially life-threatening failure of one or more of the body's organ systems. It includes the provision of organ system support, the investigation, diagnosis, and treatment of acute illness, systems management and patient safety, ethics, end-of-life care, and the support of families. For further information, see: Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine
200		24 th January 2022	Also known as Aerospace Medicine Services.

	Aviation and Space Medicine Service		Aviation and Space Medicine services study all factors affecting the person in flight. This may include pre-flight preparation and checks as well as inflight care to minimise the potentially harmful effects of their abnormal environment. For further information, see: Royal College of Physicians - Aviation and Space Medicine
300	General Internal Medicine Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Formerly known as General Medicine. Services include adults admitted as emergencies with acute medical problems, including multiple disorders. Patients with problems that are not clearly within the remit of a particular medical specialty are referred for the opinion of a general physician. For further information, see: Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board - General Internal Medicine (GIM)
301	Gastroenterology Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Screening, diagnostic, and therapeutic endoscopy services including upper and lower gastrointestinal (GI) endoscopy and hepatobiliary endoscopy. Excludes Hepatology Service - see Treatment Function Code 306.
302	Endocrinology Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	The treatment of disorders of the endocrine system, excluding specific Diabetes Services - see Treatment Function Code 307. For further information, see: Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board - Endocrinology and Diabetes Mellitus
303	Clinical Haematology Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services contributing to the diagnosis and management of diseases of the blood and bone marrow. May be consultative in other specialties including intensive care. Excludes Anticoagulant Service - see Treatment Function Code 324. For further information, see: Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board - Haematology
304	Clinical Physiology Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Physiological measurement. Excludes Clinical Neurophysiology Service - see Treatment Function Code 401, Audiology Service - see Treatment Function Code 840, Respiratory Physiology Service - see Treatment Function Code 341, Cardiac Physiology Service - see Treatment Function Code 675, Gastrointestinal Physiology Service - see Treatment Function Code 677, Urological Physiology Service - see Treatment Function Code 670, Vascular Physiology Service - see Treatment Function Code 673 and Ophthalmic and Vision Science - see Treatment Function Code 461. For further information, see: The Registration Council for Clinical Physiologists
305	Clinical Pharmacology Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services undertaking and interpreting clinical investigations including clinical trials; optimising the therapeutic use of drugs; detection and analysis of adverse drug effects; contribution to medicines evaluation and management of poisoning. For further information, see: Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board - Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (CPT)
306	Hepatology Service	1 st April 2016	Medical services for the diagnosis and treatment of liver disease. Also known as liver medicine. For hepatobiliary endoscopy, use Gastroenterology Service - see Treatment Function Code 301
307	Diabetes Service	1 st April 2016	Formerly known as Diabetes Medicine. Services to diagnose, treat and support Patients with diabetes. For further information, see: Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board - Endocrinology and Diabetes Mellitus

308	Blood and Marrow Transplantation Service	1 st April 2016	Services recognised as specialist units and associated outreach services only. Includes pre- and post-operative specialised services for autologous, allogeneic, or syngeneic Blood and Marrow Transplantation. For further information, see: British Society of Blood and Marrow Transplantation
309	Haemophilia Service	1 st April 2016	Specialist services for the diagnosis, treatment, and management of haemophilia.
310	Audio Vestibular Medicine Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Formerly known as Audiological Medicine. Services concerned with the diagnosis and management of hearing and balance disorders, for example tinnitus, dysacusis and communication disorders. Rehabilitative/habilitative care is delivered by Multidisciplinary Teams and is aimed at improving the well-being and quality of life of the patient concerned. Excludes Audiology Service - see Treatment Function Code 840. For further information, see: Joint Royal College of Physicians Training Board - Audio vestibular Medicine
311	Clinical Genetics Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services for the diagnosis and management of genetic disorders affecting individuals and their families. For further information, see: Clinical Genetics
313	Clinical Immunology and Allergy Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services for the diagnosis and management of patients with diseases resulting from disordered immunological mechanisms, and allergic disease (abnormal immune responses to external substances). Should only be used where there are no separate services for Clinical Immunology and Allergy. For separate services - See Clinical Immunology Service - Treatment Function Code 316 and Allergy Service - Treatment Function Code 317. For further information, see: Welcome to the British Society for Allergy & Clinical Immunology (BSACI)
314	Rehabilitation Medicine Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Formerly known as Rehabilitation Service. Services for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation management of disabling conditions. Rehabilitation medicine is broadly divided into neurological rehabilitation, spinal cord injury, limb loss and prosthetics and/or musculoskeletal rehabilitation. Excludes Mental Health Recovery and Rehabilitation Service - see Treatment Function Code 725, Cardiac Rehabilitation Service - see Treatment Function Code 327, Pulmonary Rehabilitation Service - see Treatment Function Code 342, Orthotics Service - See Treatment Function Code 658 or Prosthetics Service - see Treatment Function Code 657. For further information, see: Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board - Rehabilitation medicine
315	Palliative Medicine Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services improving the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problems associated with life-limiting illness and end of life care. Prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification, assessment and treatment of pain and other physical, psychosocial, and spiritual problems. For further information, see: Joint Royal College of Physicians - Specialty spotlight - palliative medicine
316	Clinical Immunology Service	1 st April 2016	Services for the diagnosis and management of patients with diseases resulting from disordered immunological mechanisms, and conditions in which immunological manipulations form an important part of therapy. Allergy services should be recorded against Allergy Service - see Treatment Function Code 317. For further information, see: Joint Royal College of Physicians Training Board - Immunology

317	Allergy Service	1 st April 2016	Services for the diagnosis and management of allergic disease (abnormal immune responses to external substances) and the exclusion of allergic causes in other conditions. For further information, see: Joint Royal College of Physicians Training Board - Allergy
318	Intermediate Care Service	1 st April 2016	Services encompassing a range of multidisciplinary approaches, designed to safeguard independence by maximising rehabilitation and recovery after illness or injury. For further information, see: National Institute for Health and Care Excellence - Understanding intermediate care, including reablement
319	Respite Care Service	1 st April 2016	Services providing temporary care of a dependant person, providing relief for their usual caregivers
320	Cardiology Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services for patients with heart disease covering a wide range of clinical activities. Management can involve interventional treatment, cardiac imaging, preventative, and therapeutic options. This includes both diagnostic and interventional procedures in the cardiac catheterisation laboratory. For further information, see: Royal College of Physicians - Cardiology
322	Clinical Microbiology Service	1 st April 2016	Services for the diagnosis, management, and treatment of patients with diseases caused by bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites.
323	Spinal Injuries Service	1 st April 2016	Services for non-surgical management of issues of the back and spine. To be used by recognised specialist units and associated outreach services only. Excludes Spinal Surgery Service - see Treatment Function Code 108
324	Anticoagulant Service	1 st April 2016	Services providing the monitoring and control of anticoagulant therapy including the initiation and/or supervision of oral anticoagulant therapy and the determination of anticoagulant dosage. This can be used in outpatients only.
325	Sport and Exercise Medicine Service	1 st April 2016	Specific services providing diagnosis and management of medical problems caused by physical activity, the prevention of related injury and disease and the role of exercise in disease treatment. Excludes Trauma and Orthopaedic Service - see Treatment Function Code 110, Orthopaedic Surgery Service - see Treatment Function Code 111, and Trauma Surgery Service - see Treatment Function Code 115. For further information, see: Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board - Sport and Exercise Medicine
326	Acute Internal Medicine Service	24 th January 2022	Services concerned with the assessment, diagnosis and management of adults presenting to secondary care with acute medical illness. For further information, see: Acute Internal Medicine
327	Cardiac Rehabilitation Service	1 st April 2016	Services for patients recovering from heart-related conditions such as heart attacks or procedures such as coronary artery bypass surgery to ensure that they achieve their full potential in terms of physical and psychological health
328	Stroke Medicine Service	1 st April 2016	Services for diagnosis, investigation, treatment, and care of stroke patients. Excludes outpatients for Transient Ischaemic Attack Service - see Treatment Function Code 329. For further information, see: Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board - Stroke Medicine (sub-specialty)

329	Transient Ischaemic Attack Service	1 st April 2016	A multidisciplinary outpatient service for rapid diagnosis and treatment of patients presenting with suspected Transient Ischaemic Attack and mini strokes to minimise the chance of a full stroke occurring and maximise the chances of independent living after a stroke. For further information, see: National Institute for Health and Care Excellence - Stroke and transient ischaemic attack
330	Dermatology Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services for the treatment of diseases of the skin. For further information, see: Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board - Dermatology
331	Congenital Heart Disease Service	1 st April 2016	The management and treatment of congenital heart disease, this includes the ongoing care of children into adulthood. For further information, see: Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board - Paediatric cardiology
333	Rare Disease Service	24 th January 2022	Services for rare diseases, many of which are present at birth and are either caused by a genetic problem or deficiencies or exposures to substances around the time of conception or during pregnancy. This Treatment Function Code should be used by designated specialist centres only. For further information, see: National Congenital Anomaly and Rare Disease Registration Service
335	Inherited Metabolic Medicine Service	24 th January 2022	Services for the diagnosis and management of inherited metabolic conditions utilising biochemistry and metabolic characteristics requiring the expertise of both the physician and chemical pathologist. For further information, see: Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board - Metabolic Medicine
340	Respiratory Medicine Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Respiratory Medicine is also known as Thoracic Medicine and Pulmonary Medicine. Services for the investigation, diagnosis, management, and treatment of patients with respiratory complaints. Excludes acute respiratory failure and adult respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) - see Intensive Care Medicine Service Treatment Function Code 192 and Respiratory Physiology Service - see Treatment Function Code 341. For further information, see: Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board - Respiratory Medicine
341	Respiratory Physiology Service	1 st April 2016	Services for the physiological measurement of the function of the respiratory system. Excludes Sleep Medicine Service - see Treatment Function Code 347. For further information, see: Association for Respiratory Technology & Physiology
342	Pulmonary Rehabilitation Service	1 st April 2016	Formerly known as Programmed Pulmonary Rehabilitation. A multidisciplinary programme of care for patients with chronic respiratory impairment.
343	Adult Cystic Fibrosis Service	1 st April 2016	Multidisciplinary service concerned with the diagnosis, assessment, and management of patients with cystic fibrosis. This Treatment Function Code should be used by designated specialist centres only.
347	Sleep Medicine Service	24 th January 2022	Services providing diagnosis and management of sleep disorders including parasomnias, excessive daytime sleepiness, and sleep apnoea. For further information, see: Royal Society of Medicine - Sleep Medicine Section

348	Post-COVID-19 Syndrome Service	24 th January 2022	Multidisciplinary services for patients experiencing long-term health effects following COVID-19 infection, whether or not this was diagnosed at the time of acute illness or the patient was initially asymptomatic. Post-COVID-19 syndrome has also been known as 'long COVID'. For further information, see: National Institute for Health and Care Excellence - COVID-19 guideline: management of the long-term effects of COVID-19.
350	Infectious Diseases Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services for the diagnosis, management, and treatment of infectious diseases. Excludes Tropical Medicine Service - see Treatment Function Code 352. For further information, see: Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board - Infectious Diseases
352	Tropical Medicine Service	1 st April 2016	Services for the diagnosis, management and treatment of diseases that are found most often in tropical or sub-tropical regions. This Treatment Function Code should be used by designated specialist centres only. Excludes Infectious Diseases Service - see Treatment Function Code 350. For further information, see: Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board - Infectious Diseases and Tropical Medicine
360	Genitourinary Medicine Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services for the investigation and management of sexually transmitted infections and HIV. For further information, see: Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board - Genitourinary Medicine (GUM)
361	Renal Medicine Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Formerly known as Nephrology. Services for patients with acute renal failure and chronic kidney disease requiring long term care with the help of a Multidisciplinary Team. Most general medical problems in patients with kidney disease are managed by the Renal Medicine Service. Excludes acute renal replacement therapy in the critical care setting, see Intensive Care Medicine Service - Treatment Function Code 192. For further information, see: Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board - Renal Medicine
370	Medical Oncology Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services for the specialised assessment and management of patients with cancer using chemotherapy. Includes treatment option discussions with patients, supervision of therapy and management of any complications of disease and/or treatment that may arise. For further information, see: Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board - Medical Oncology
371	Nuclear Medicine Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services responsible for administration of unsealed radioactive substances to patients for the purposes of diagnosis, therapy, or research. For further information, see: Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board - Nuclear Medicine
400	Neurology Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services for the diagnosis, management, and medical treatment of neurological conditions. Excludes Stroke Medicine Service - Treatment Function Code 328, outpatients for Transient Ischaemic Attack Service - see Treatment Function Code 329. For further information, see: Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board - Neurology
401	Clinical Neurophysiology Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Primarily diagnostic service concerned with recording electrical activity from the nervous system to aid diagnosis, classification, and management of neurological disease. Includes Electroencephalogram (EEG) and Electromyography (EMG). For further information, see: Joint Royal College of Physicians - Clinical Neurophysiology

410	Rheumatology Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services incorporating the investigation, holistic management, and rehabilitation of patients with a wide spectrum of disorders of the musculoskeletal system encompassing the locomotor apparatus, bone and connective tissues and blood vessels. For further information, see: Joint Royal College of Physicians - Rheumatology
420	Paediatric Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Dedicated children's services for the treatment of patients typically aged 0 to 18 for medical conditions, however the environments and other members of the multidisciplinary service are likely to care for surgical patients too. For further information, see: Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - General paediatrics - level 3 training
422	Neonatal Critical Care Service	1 st April 2016	Formerly known as Neonatology. Services providing care for all babies that require on-going, enhanced medical care following birth. Neonatal critical care services are provided in a variety of settings dependent upon the interventions required for the baby and with dedicated transport services to support babies being transferred to and from neonatal care units. Use when Neonatal Level of Care = 1, 2 or 3. Includes Special Care Baby Units (SCBU), Local Neonatal Units (LNU) and Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU). Any readmission would be to Paediatric Service - see Treatment Function Code 420, or Paediatric Intensive Care Service - see Treatment Function Code 242. For further information, see: Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - Neonatal medicine - sub-specialty .
424	Well Baby Service	1 st April 2016	Services for healthy infants born and referenced by the Maternity record who do not require any intervention other than health screening and prophylactic healthcare. General care given by the mother/substitute with healthcare education if needed. Use when Neonatal Level of Care = 0 - Normal Care: Care given by the mother/substitute with medical and neonatal nursing advice if needed. Excludes Neonatal Critical Care Service - see Treatment Function Code 422
430	Elderly Medicine Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Formerly known as Geriatric Medicine. Services to treat diseases and disabilities in older adults, particularly those with multiple morbidities. There is no set age at which patients may be under the care of Geriatric Medicine, this decision should be determined by the individual patient's needs. For further information, see: Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board - Geriatric Medicine
431	Orthogeriatric Medicine Service	24 th January 2022	Multidisciplinary services addressing clinical and social needs in the management of patients with fragility fractures, including hip fractures. The care provided aims to be holistic and to include secondary prevention of fractures as well as acute care. For further information, see: GM - Orthogeriatrics
450	Dental Medicine Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services for dental treatment carried out in a hospital setting. Includes Oral Medicine. For further information, see: British Dental Association.
451	Special Care Dentistry Service	24 th January 2022	Services concerned with the improvement of the oral health of patients and groups in society who have a physical, sensory, intellectual, mental, medical, emotional, or social impairment or disability or, more often, a combination of these factors. The specialty focuses on adolescents and adults only and includes the important period of transition as the adolescent moves into adulthood. For further information, see: Special Care Dentistry Association (SCDA)

460	Medical Ophthalmology Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Medically-led services including assessment, investigation, diagnosis, and management of inflammatory, vascular, and neurological disorders affecting vision. May include public health screening, for example diabetic retinopathy screening. For further information, see: Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board - Medical Ophthalmology
461	Ophthalmic and Vision Science Service	24 th January 2022	Services providing physiological measurement of the function of the eye and vision. Includes diagnostic electrophysiology of vision, imaging, and biometry.
501	Obstetrics Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services managing high risk pregnancy including miscarriages and still births but specifically excluding planned terminations. Excludes Midwifery Service - see Treatment Function Code 560. For further information, see: Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists - Obstetrics and Gynaecology
502	Gynaecology Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services for the diagnosis, management, and treatment of disorders of the female reproductive system. Includes planned terminations of pregnancy. For further information, see: Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists - Obstetrics and Gynaecology
503	Gynaecological Oncology Service	1 st April 2016	Services to treat cancers of the female reproductive system, principally involving surgical members of the Multidisciplinary Team. For further information, see: British Gynaecological Cancer Society
504	Community Sexual and Reproductive Health Service	24 th January 2022	Services supporting people to have a positive and respectful approach to sexuality and sexual relationships and to have pleasurable and safe sexual experiences, free of infection, coercion, discrimination, and violence. The service also provides access to contraception and signposts Maternity Services to support pregnancy and childbirth. Excludes Genitourinary Medicine Service - see Treatment Function Code 360 and Midwifery Service - see Treatment Function Code 560. For further information, see: Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (FSRH)
505	Fetal Medicine Service	24 th January 2022	Services providing specialist care at a designated centre for the fetus or fetuses and mother. This includes assessment of fetal growth and wellbeing; the diagnosis and management of identified fetal disorders (including fetal abnormalities); prenatal fetal intervention and surgery; and counselling and support for parents. Excludes routine maternity screening activities - see Midwifery Service Treatment Function Code 560.
834 ¹	Medical Virology Service	1 st April 2016	Clinical services for the diagnosis and management and prevention of blood-borne and/or airborne viral infections. For further information, see: Royal College of Pathologists - Medical Virology
Mental Health Services			
656 ¹	Clinical Psychology Service	1 st April 2016	Mental Health Services for the assessment, management and treatment of problems including addiction, anxiety, depression, behavioural difficulties, and relationship issues. Methods of assessment include psychometric tests, interviews, and direct observation of behaviour. Assessment may lead to advice, counselling, or therapy. For further information, see: The British Psychological Society
700	Learning Disability Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Also known as Intellectual Disability Service. Mental Health Services provided to patients with a Learning Disability. For further information, see: Royal College of Psychiatrists - Faculty of the Psychiatry of Intellectual Disability and British Institute of Learning Disabilities

710	Adult Mental Illness Service	Pre 28th December 1995	Mental Health Services provided to adult patients for the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of mental illness and maintenance of mental health. For further information, see: Royal College of Psychiatrists - Faculty of General Adult Psychiatry
711	Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Service	Pre 28th December 1995	Mental Health Services for children and young people with somatisation and complex presentations, behavioural challenges, eating disorders, mood disorders, anxiety, and other mental health presentations. Excludes Paediatric Neurodisability Service - see Treatment Function Code 291 and specialist Eating Disorders Service - see Treatment Function Code 720. For further information, see: Royal College of Psychiatrists - Faculty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
712	Forensic Psychiatry Service	Pre 28th December 1995	Mental Health Services for the assessment, management and treatment of patients who are being held in high, medium, and low secure units or prisons. This includes prevention of further harm in the community or to the individual themselves. For further information, see: Royal College of Psychiatrists - Faculty of Forensic Psychiatry
713	Medical Psychotherapy Service	Pre 28th December 1995	Formerly known as Psychotherapy. Multidisciplinary Mental Health Services to assess, manage and treat children and adults with mental health problems using talking therapies and other psychotherapeutic techniques. For further information, see: Faculty of Medical Psychotherapy
715	Old Age Psychiatry Service	Pre 28th December 1995	Mental Health Services providing the specialised assessment, treatment and continuing care for older adults suffering a range of mental illnesses, including dementia, depression, or schizophrenia. Excludes specific Dementia Assessment Service - see Treatment Function Code 727. For further information, see: Royal College of Psychiatrists - Faculty of Old Age Psychiatry
720	Eating Disorders Service	1 st April 2016	A specialist service for the diagnosis and treatment of eating disorders including anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive overeating. This is usually a multidisciplinary service which needs to consider both physical and mental health aspects of the patient's care. For further information, see: Royal College of Psychiatrists - Faculty of Eating Disorders Psychiatry
721	Addiction Service	1 st April 2016	Mental Health Services for the treatment of addictive behaviour, including substance misuse, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and gambling. Excludes patients with both severe mental illness and problematic substance misuse, see Mental Health Dual Diagnosis Service - Treatment Function Code 726. For further information, see: Royal College of Psychiatrists - Faculty of Addictions Psychiatry
722	Liaison Psychiatry Service	1 st April 2016	Mental Health Services for the provision of psychiatric treatment to patients attending acute hospitals including outpatient clinics, emergency care departments and admission to wards. Deals with the interface between physical and psychological health. For further information, see: Royal College of Psychiatrists - Faculty of Liaison Psychiatry
723	Psychiatric Intensive Care Service	1 st April 2016	Mental Health Services provided to vulnerable individuals with severe disturbances who are admitted to Psychiatric Intensive Care Units from open acute wards and forensic settings. For further information, see: Royal College of Psychiatrists - Quality Network for Psychiatric Intensive Care Units

724	Perinatal Mental Health Service	1 st April 2016	Formerly known as Perinatal Psychiatry. Specialist Mental Health Services for the assessment, management, and treatment of pre-existing or new mental health issues during pregnancy or after delivery. For further information, see: Royal College of Psychiatrists - Faculty of Perinatal Psychiatry
725	Mental Health Recovery and Rehabilitation Service	1 st April 2016	Mental Health Services provided to support recovery from mental illness that maximises the patient's quality of life and social inclusion by encouraging their skills, promoting independence and autonomy. For further information, see: Faculty of Rehabilitation and Social Psychiatry
726	Mental Health Dual Diagnosis Service	1 st April 2016	Mental Health Services to provide support to patients with both severe mental illness and substance misuse problems. For further information, see: Mind: Recreational drugs and alcohol
727	Dementia Assessment Service	1 st April 2016	Designated Mental Health Services for the assessment of patients who have or are suspected to have dementia. Dementia complicates care giving and can occur at any stage of the illness and at any age. In addition to memory impairment, dementia may include behavioural and psychological problems. For non-specific Old Age Psychiatry Service - see Treatment Function Code 715. For further information, see: Royal College of Psychiatrists - Dementia pathway
730	Neuropsychiatry Service	24 th January 2022	Mental Health Services for brain disorders and integration of psychiatry within clinical neurosciences. For further information, see: Royal College of Psychiatrists - Faculty of Neuropsychiatry
Other Services			
560 ¹	Midwifery Service	Pre 28 th December 1995	Services for managing for managing antenatal and perinatal care during pregnancy, and postnatal care following delivery, provided under the direct care of a Midwife. Excludes Obstetrics Service - see Treatment Function Code 501. For further information, see: Royal College of Midwives
650 ¹	Physiotherapy Service	1 st April 2016	Services helping patients affected by injury, illness or disability through movement and exercise, manual therapy, education, and advice to manage pain and prevent disease. To encourage development and facilitate recovery, enabling maintenance of work and independence for as long as possible. For further information, see: Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP) - Physiotherapy
651 ¹	Occupational Therapy Service	1 st April 2016	Services using specific activities to limit the effects of disability and promote independence in all aspects of daily life
652 ¹	Speech and Language Therapy Service	1 st April 2016	Services providing assessment management and treatment of speech, language, communication, and swallowing issues in patients of all ages. For further information, see: Royal College of Speech & Language Therapists - Speech and language therapy
653 ¹	Podiatry Service	1 st April 2016	Also known as Chiropody. Services for the diagnosis and treatment of disorders, diseases, and deformities of the feet. Excludes Podiatric Surgery - see Treatment Function Code 663. For further information, see: The College of Podiatry

654 ¹	Dietetics Service	1 st April 2016	Services applying the science of nutrition to improve health and treat diseases/conditions by educating and giving practical, personalised advice to patients, patient proxies and other members of the Multidisciplinary Team. They advise on and help to maintain nutritional status during dietary interventions such as exclusion diets and to recommend nutritional supplements. For further information, see: British Dietetic Association
655 ¹	Orthoptics Service	1 st April 2016	Services providing the diagnosis and treatment of visual problems involving eye movement and alignment. For further information, see: British and Irish Orthoptic Society
657 ¹	Prosthetics Service	1 st April 2016	Services providing gait analysis and engineering solutions to patients with limb loss. They design and provide prostheses that replicate the structural or functional characteristics of the patients absent limb. They often work autonomously or part of Multidisciplinary Teams working closely with Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists as part of multidisciplinary amputee rehabilitation teams. For further information, see: British Association of Prosthetists and Orthotists (BAPO) - Prosthetists
658 ¹	Orthotics Service	1 st April 2016	Services providing gait analysis and engineering solutions to patients with needs of the neuro, muscular and skeletal systems. They design and provide orthoses that modify the structural or functional characteristics of the patient's neuro-muscular and skeletal systems enabling patients to mobilise, eliminate gait deviations, reduce falls, reduce pain, prevent, and facilitate healing of ulcers. They often work autonomously or part of Multidisciplinary Teams such as within the diabetic foot team or neuro-rehabilitation team. For further information, see: The British Association of Prosthetists and Orthotists (BAPO) - Orthotists
659 ¹	Dramatherapy Service	1 st April 2016	Services providing dramatherapy which is a form of psychological therapy focussing on the use of performance arts within the therapeutic relationship. For further information, see: British Association of Dramatherapists
660 ¹	Art Therapy Service	1 st April 2016	Services delivering a form of psychotherapy that uses art media as its primary mode of expression and communication. Within this context, art is not used as diagnostic tool but as a medium to address emotional issues which may be confusing and distressing. For further information, see: British Association of Art Therapists
661 ¹	Music Therapy Service	1 st April 2016	Services delivering a form of psychotherapy that uses music to support psychological, emotional, cognitive, physical, communicative and/or social needs. For further information, see: British Association for Music Therapy
662 ¹	Optometry Service	1 st April 2016	Services providing the diagnosis and non-surgical treatment of disorders of the eye and vision care
663 ¹	Podiatric Surgery Service	1 st April 2016	Services involved in the complex management of the foot and ankle involving surgery under both local and general anaesthetic. Excludes Podiatry Service - see Treatment Function Code 653. For further information, see: The College of Podiatry

670	Urological Physiology Service	24 th January 2022	Diagnostic services for the study of erectile, upper, and lower urinary tract function, including urodynamics. For further information, see: The British Association of Urological Surgeons
673	Vascular Physiology Service	24 th January 2022	Diagnostic services for the study of arterial and venous circulation primarily using Doppler ultrasound but including tests such as pressure measurement and plethysmography. Excludes Cardiac Physiology Service - see Treatment Function Code 675. For further information, see: The Society for Vascular Technology
675	Cardiac Physiology Service	24 th January 2022	Services providing physiological measurements of the heart structure/function and response to therapeutic/surgical intervention through the means of a wide spectrum of non-invasive and invasive cardiac diagnostic testing. Examples include echocardiography, cardiac device management. For further information, see: Society for Cardiological Science and Technology (SCST)
677	Gastrointestinal Physiology Service	24 th January 2022	Services providing physiological measurement of the gastrointestinal tract. This includes standard catheter based oesophageal pH studies, oesophageal pH impedance, oesophageal manometry, ano-rectal manometry, wireless capsule studies. Excludes Gastroenterology Service - see Treatment Function Code 301. For further information, see: AGIP - Association of GI Physiologists
800 ¹	Clinical Oncology Service	Pre 28th December 1995	Formerly known as Radiotherapy. The diagnosis and treatment, typically with Radiotherapy, of patients with cancer. For further information, see: Royal College of Radiologists - Clinical oncology
811 ¹	Interventional Radiology Service	1 st April 2016	Services delivering a range of techniques using radiological image guidance including X-ray fluoroscopy, ultrasound, Computerised Tomography Scan (CT), or Magnetic Resonance Imaging Scan (MRI) to precisely target therapy. Excludes Interventional Cardiology - see Cardiology Service Treatment Function Code 320, and Diagnostic Imaging Service - see Treatment Function Code 812. For further information, see: British Society of Interventional Radiology - What is Interventional Radiology
812 ¹	Diagnostic Imaging Service	1 st April 2016	Services providing medical imaging, especially X-ray based examinations, Ultrasound scan, MRI Scan, PET Scan or CT Scan. Diagnostic imaging is used to confirm, assess, and document diseases, as well as to assess responses to treatment. For further information, see: WHO: Diagnostic imaging
822 ¹	Chemical Pathology Service	Pre 28th December 1995	Services interpreting biochemical investigation results to assess, diagnose and treat diseases. To be used for the clinical management of patients by chemical pathology only. For further information, see: Royal College of Pathologists - Chemical Pathology
840 ¹	Audiology Service	1 st April 2016	Services providing physiological measurement and diagnosis of hearing disorders, and the rehabilitation of patients with hearing loss. Include hearing services activity, such as hearing tests and the fitting of hearing aids. For further information, see: British Society of Audiology
920	Diabetic Education Service	1 st April 2016	Services providing dedicated small group education courses regarding self-management for diabetic patients
998	Diagnostic*	14th September 2011	

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Notes:

* '998' and '999' are not Treatment Function Codes. They are 'pseudo' Treatment Function Codes and are only to be used for the reporting of RTT (Combined) data for diagnostic and Allied Health Professional (AHP) services.

¹ Treatment Function Codes which have changed sections within the Treatment Function Code table.

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Code	Treatment Function Title	Valid From	Valid To	Comments
199	Non-UK provider: specialty function not know, treatment mainly surgical (only applicable for overseas providers)	Pre 28th December 1995	31st March 2016	
312	Clinical Cytogenetics and Molecular Genetics	Pre 28th December 1995	31st March 2016	Not a Treatment Function
344	Complex Specialised Rehabilitation Service	1 st April 2016	April 2022	This Treatment Function Code will be removed from use from April 2022. No new services should use this code in submissions. However, the previous definition has been retained below for reference: Complex specialised rehabilitation service which meets the NHS Specialised Services Rehabilitation Services' criteria and is registered as a Level 1 service
345	Specialist Rehabilitation Service	1 st April 2016	April 2022	This Treatment Function Code will be removed from use from April 2022. No new services should use this code in submissions. However, the previous definition has been retained below for reference: Specialist rehabilitation Service which meets the NHS Specialised Services Rehabilitation Services' criteria and is registered as a Level 2a service.
346	Local Specialist Rehabilitation Service	1 st April 2016	April 2022	This Treatment Function Code will be removed from use from April 2022. No new services should use this code in submissions. However, the previous definition has been retained below for

				reference: Local Specialist rehabilitation service which meets the NHS Specialised Services Rehabilitation Services' criteria and is registered as a Level 2b service.
499	Non-UK provider; specialty function not known, treatment mainly medical (only applicable for overseas providers)	Pre 28th December 1995	31st March 2016	
510	Obstetrics – AN (outpatients)	Pre 28th December 1995	31st March 2016	Record as Obstetrics, antenatal clinic can be used as a local sub-specialty if required
520	Obstetrics - PN (outpatients)	Pre 28th December 1995	31st March 2016	Record as Obstetrics, postnatal clinic can be used as a local sub-specialty if required
610	GP Maternity	Pre 28th December 1995	31st March 2016	Record as Obstetrics
620	GP Other	Pre 28th December 1995	31st March 2016	Use the appropriate function under which the patient is treated
810	Radiology	Pre 28th December 1995	31st March 2016	Not a Treatment Function
820	General Pathology	Pre 28th December 1995	31st March 2016	Not a Treatment Function
821	Blood Transfusion	Pre 28th December 1995	31st March 2016	Not a Treatment Function
823	Haematology (non-clinical)	Pre 28th December 1995	31st March 2016	Not a Treatment Function See Clinical Haematology (303)
824	Histopathology	Pre 28th December 1995	31st March 2016	Not a Treatment Function
830	Immunopathology	Pre 28th December 1995	31st March 2016	Not a Treatment Function See Clinical Immunology (316)
831	Medical Microbiology	Pre 28th December 1995	31st March 2016	Not a Treatment Function See Clinical Microbiology (322)
832	Neuropathology	Pre 28th December 1995	31st March 2016	
900	Community Medicine	Pre 28th December 1995	31st March 2016	Not a Treatment Function
901	Occupational Medicine	Pre 28th December 1995	31st March 2016	Not a Treatment Function
950	Nursing	Pre 28th December 1995	31st March 2016	Not a Treatment Function

				Use the appropriate function under which the patient is treated
990	Joint Consultant Clinics	Pre 28th December 1995	31st March 2016	Not a Treatment Function

Clinical Referral Date

This data item is / was included in the following data sets / collections between the dates shown:

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
OP ds	1 st April 1999	
EAL ds	1 st April 1999	21 st November 2012
OPR ds	1 st July 2008	
AUD WT ds	1st April 2025	

(OP ds: up to the 31st March 2006, this data item was known as 'Referral Request Received Date')

The Clinical Referral Date (CRD) is the clinically significant date marking the start of a period of waiting either for an initial outpatient consultation or for an episode of treatment such as elective surgery. The CRD is used to order pick lists used for booking patients, and it does not change under any circumstances. It is not used to calculate performance waiting times statistics.

Outpatients

The Clinical Referral Date (CRD) is the date that the referral of an outpatient appointment is received in the Local Health Board/Trust. All referrals should be date stamped on opening – this date stamp is the CRD. In addition, this CRD must be entered into PAS on the same day.

If the referral request takes the form of a phone call followed by a letter, record the date when the letter arrives. If there is no following letter, the date of the verbal request should be recorded.

Inpatient and Day case events

The Clinical Referral Date (CRD) is the date that a decision was made by the clinician within the Local Health Board/Trust (or GP outside the Local Health Board/Trust in cases of direct access referrals) to list the patient for treatment. The CRD is used to order the waiting list selection of patients.

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Note: The Clinical Referral Date (CRD) never changes.

Waiting List Date (WLD)

This data item is / was included in the following data sets / collections between the dates shown:

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
APC ds99	1 st April 1999	
OP ds	1 st April 1999	
EAL ds	1 st April 1999	21 st November 2012
AUD WT ds	1 st April 2025	

For APC:-

For elective admissions the Waiting List Date (WLD) is initially set to the same date as the Decision to Admit Date. For all other admissions (Emergency, Maternity and Other admissions) the WLD should be blank.

The Decision to Admit Date can never change. In contrast, there are a number of situations where the WLD can be changed. These include reinstatement to a waiting list following removal, or where a patient has chosen to remain with a consultant when offered an earlier appointment with a different consultant.

The circumstances where the WLD can be changed along with the rules for calculating the WLD can be found in the 'Guide to Good Practice – Elective Services' (September 2005) Chapter 2.

For OP:-

The Waiting List Date (WLD) is initially set to the same date as the Clinical Referral Date, but for emergency OP appointments and for follow up appointments the WLD should be blank.

The Clinical Referral Date (CRD) date can never change. In contrast, there are a number of situations where the WLD can be changed. These include rescheduling an appointment at the patient's request, reinstatement to a waiting list following removal, or where a patient has chosen to remain with a consultant when offered an earlier appointment with a different consultant.

The circumstances where the WLD can be changed along with the rules for calculating the WLD can be found in the 'Guide to Good Practice – Elective Services' (September 2005) Chapter 2.

Format: 8 digit numeric, CCYYMMDD

Return Date

This data item is / was included in the following data sets / collections between the dates shown:

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
DT Waiting Times		
RTT	1 st April 2007	31 st August 2011
PP01W		8 th February 2021

RTT-PTR	1 st September 2008	30 th September 2009
CRTT	1 st April 2009	31 st August 2011
Angiograms	1 st December 2008	1 st April 2010
RTT (Combined)	1 st September 2011	
AUD WT ds	1 st April 2025	

This relates to the date on which the list is measured, that is, last day of the month to which the return relates. This is also known as the census date.

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