

## WELSH INFORMATION STANDARDS BOARD

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<p><b>DATA STANDARDS CHANGE NOTICE</b></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 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026.</p> <p><b>WIDG Reference:</b> ISRN 2025 / 024</p>	
<p><b>Summary:</b> To retire the formal collection of information pertaining to Community Dental Service Wales Return (CDSW).</p>	
<p><b>Data sets / returns affected:</b></p> <p>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: <a href="mailto:data.standards@wales.nhs.uk">data.standards@wales.nhs.uk</a></p>	
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## DATA STANDARDS CHANGE NOTICE

### Introduction

As part of a review of aggregate proformas within the NHS Wales Data Dictionary, it has been determined that the *Community Dental Service Wales Return (CDSWR)* data collection is now obsolete. Welsh Health Circular (WHC) (2019) 021 confirmed that, with effect from April 2019, CDSWR was replaced by the dental data collection system administered by the NHS Business Services Authority on behalf of Welsh Government and Health Boards. Supporting documentation accompanying the 2018/19 data release also confirmed that, from April 2019, all data would be collected via FP17W rather than through CDSWR.

In line with this policy direction and to ensure the Data Dictionary reflects current data collections, the CDSWR dataset will be formally retired.

### Description of Change

To retire the formal collection of information pertaining to Community Dental Service Wales Return (CDSW).

### Data Dictionary Version

The current release: version 4.25 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary will be the final version published on the existing platform.

The NHS Wales Data Dictionary will be moved to a new and improved platform.

In the interim, please visit [DHCW Data Standards](#) to access notice publications or contact [data.standards@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:data.standards@wales.nhs.uk)

### Actions Required

Local Health Boards / Trust:

- To cease the formal submission of the Community Dental Service Wales Return (CDSW) to Welsh Government

Welsh Government:

- To cease the formal reporting of the Community Dental Service Wales Return (CDSW)

**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.

Each data definition type is listed in alphabetical order and is shown in the sequence in which it appears in this DSCN.

<b>Data Definition Type</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>New/Retired /Changed</b>	<b>Page Number</b>
Aggregate Proforma	Community Dental Service Wales Return (CDSWR)	Retired	4

## **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.

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### **Community Dental Service Wales Return (CDSWR) (Retired)**

Valid from: 28<sup>th</sup> October 2012

Valid to: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026

<b>Change History</b>	
<a href="#">DSCN 2014 / 03</a>	Community Dental Service Wales Return (CDSWR) Data Collection
<a href="#">DDCN 2012 / 02</a>	Community Dental Service Wales Return (CDSWR)

[Scope](#)

[Return Submission Details](#)

[Information Requirements](#)

### **Return Submission Details (Retired)**

Health boards to provide one completed template per month and are to report on a provider basis (i.e. for the services they provide as a Health Board) and not on a resident basis (i.e. for the residents of their Health Board).

The information required relates to all GCs (definitions for these are provided below) including both face-to-face and video formats. Only Group Clinics **where the responsibility of care is within Secondary Care are included**, however the Clinic may be delivered in a secondary, primary or community setting.

Health boards are required to report on the 20th working day of the month to include activity carried out in the previous calendar month (specific dates are provided on the Definitions and Guidance sheet of the pro forma) and submit to the Welsh Government Delivery & Performance Division:

[HSS.Performance@gov.wales](mailto:HSS.Performance@gov.wales)

The latest version of each form is available on the Welsh Government's Performance Management Website:

<http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/407/home>

Any further queries regarding the data collection forms should be directed to the Delivery &

Performance Division, Welsh Government, on 03000 258871, or e-mail via

[HSS.Performance@gov.wales](mailto:HSS.Performance@gov.wales)

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### **Information Requirements (Retired)**

## **1. Activity (Hours /Sessions) (Retired)**

*This section provides an overview of the activity of dentists and dental care professionals as described in Ministerial Letter EH/ML/014/08, not including 'Designed to Smile' activity. Activity is counted in sessions. A session is taken to mean a period of time of generally three to three and a half hours (generally a full morning or a full afternoon). The types of activity for which data is collected is as follows:*

- Providing patient treatment, care and advice: all except GA/sedation
- Providing patient treatment, care and advice: GA/sedation
- Oral Health Education and Promotion
- Epidemiology
- Screening
- Quality and safety activities
- Provision of training
- Professional support
- Joint working with other organisations/agencies
- Managerial duties
- Total

## **2. Attendance (Total Contacts; DNAs) (Retired)**

*This section collects information on face to face contacts, defined below, together with appointments where the patient did not attend (DNA).*

- First contact in the year
- Subsequent contact
- Total
- of which Urgent / emergency contact
- DNAs:
- Did not attend
- Cancelled by patient

## **3. Reasons for the patients being treated by the CDS (First Contacts) (Retired)**

*The section provides the reasons for patients (first contacts only) being treated, categories of reason below:*

- Recalled patients
- Patients who are new to the CDS, of which:
- Self referral
- Referred under Designed to Smile programme
- Referred by General Dental Service
- Referred by Hospital Dental Service
- Referred by other health professional
- Referred by Social Services, LA or LEA
- Total

## **4. Patients by Category (First Contacts) (Retired)**

*This section relates to the provision of dental services for vulnerable people, as defined in paragraph 6 of the Ministerial Letter EH/ML/014/08, and to patients who are unable to access General Dental Services. The categories of patient, for which information is collected, are as follows (first contacts only)*

Vulnerable patients, of which:

- Learning disability
- Physical disability
- Mental Health Issues
- Medically compromised
- Phobic/ Anxiety
- Homeless
- Substance misuse
- Hospital in-patient
- Prisoner
- Child unable to cope with routine dental care

Other patient categories:

- Child who chooses to stay with the CDS
- Unable to attend / access General Dental Service

Total

## **5. Treated Under GA / Sedation (Total Contacts) (Retired)**

This section relates to the number of contacts treated under a General anaesthetic or sedation.

- Treated under GA
- Treated under IV sedation
- Treated under inhalation sedation eg relative analgesia
- Treated with other therapy / acupuncture
- Total – this will be an automated calculation

## **6. Location of Treatment (Total Contacts) (Retired)**

*This section of the form relates to the location of treatment for total contacts, location categories as follows:*

- Fixed health centre/clinic
- Mobile surgery
- Domiciliary
- Other Health Board venue
- Total

## **7. Screening Patients (Retired)**

- Children's Screening
- Day centre/ hospital
- Secure Unit/ prison
- Adults in residential accommodation
- Other
  - o Please specify
- Total

## **8. Outcomes (Retired)**

*This section of the form relates to outcomes for patients (first contacts only), outcomes below:*

- Patient transferred to GDS / other servi