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Sponsor: TBC	
Implementation Date: 31 st March 2026	
DATA STANDARDS CHANGE NOTICE	
<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 19th March 2026.</p> <p>WISB Reference: ISRN 2025 / 026</p>	
Summary: To retire the formal collection of information pertaining to Access to Core Sexual Health Services	
Data sets / returns affected: NA	
<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>	
<p>The Welsh Information Standards Board is responsible for appraising information standards. Submission documents and WISB Outcomes relating to the approval of this standard can be found at:</p> <p>https://nhswales365.sharepoint.com/sites/DHC_DST/Lists/Information%20Standards%20Assurance%20Submission%20Log/AllItems.aspx</p>	

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Introduction

As part of a review of aggregate proformas within the NHS Wales Data Dictionary, it has been determined that the Access to Core Sexual Health Services data collection is now obsolete. The information it was designed to capture is no longer required, as the necessary data is now collected through the national dataset.

In line with this policy direction, and to ensure the Data Dictionary accurately reflects current data collections, the Access to Core Sexual Health Services dataset will be formally retired.

Description of Change

To retire the formal collection of information pertaining to Access to Core Sexual Health Services

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

Actions Required

Local Health Boards / Trust:

- To cease the formal submission of the Access to Core Sexual Health Services

Action for the Welsh Government Delivery & Performance Division:

- To cease the formal reporting of the Access to Core Sexual Health Services

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 impacted by the changes documented within this DSCN.

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

Data Definition Type	Name	New/Retired /Changed	Page Number
Aggregate Proforma	Access to Core Sexual Health Services	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.

Access to Core Sexual Health Services **Retired**

Change History

[DSCN \(2008\) 09 \(W\)](#)

Access to Core Sexual Health Services

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In addition to the information requirements, Local Health Boards should include the following in their excel spreadsheet:

- Local Health Board Code – *Local Health Board to which the return relates*
- Return Month – *This is the calendar month to which the return relates*
- Clinic Site - *This is the name of the location from which a sexual health service is provided.*

Access to Core Sexual Health Services

Trusts are required to report the following information in an excel file format on the 20th working day of the month for the previous month.

In addition to the information requirements, Trusts should include the following in their excel spreadsheet:

- Trust Code – *Trust to which the return relates*
- Return Month – *This is the calendar month to which the return relates*
- Clinic Site - *This is the name of the location from which a sexual health service is provided.*

Trusts should e-mail their returns to Vincent.o'brien@nphs.wales.nhs.uk with the subject 'Sexual Health'.

Information Requirements **Retired**

Note: The numbers in the right hand column of the table relate to the explanatory diagram below.

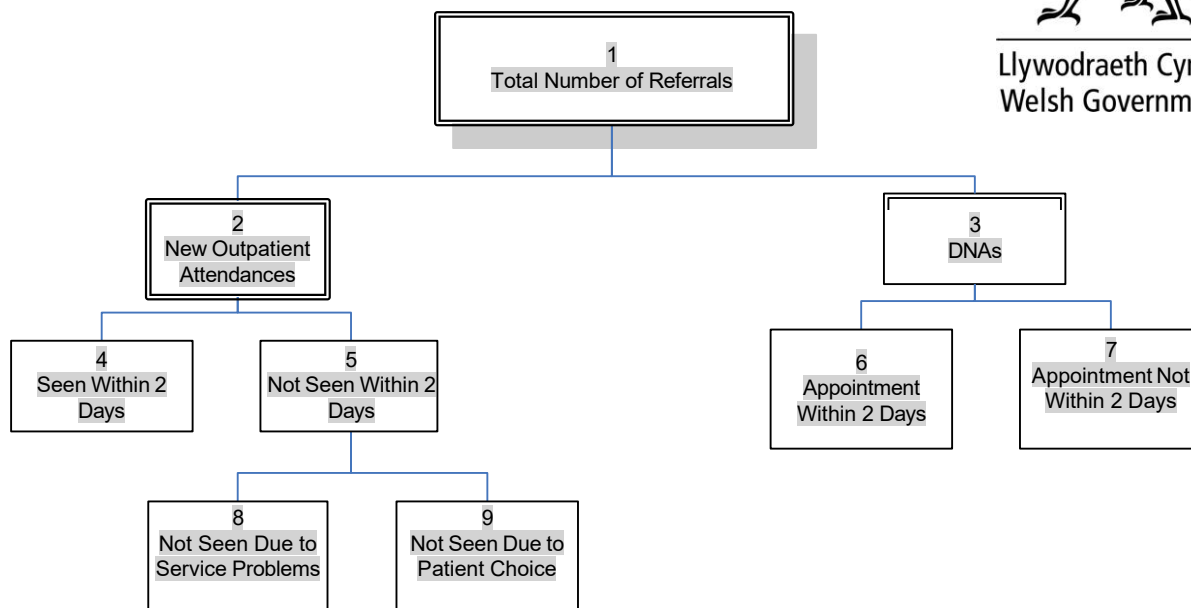
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Number of new outpatient attendances not seen within 2 working days from receipt of referral because of patient choice i.e. the patient declined an appointment offered within 2 working days from receipt of referral.	9
Number of patients with a new outpatient appointment who did not attend and failed to give advance warning. <i>Refer to the Guide to Good Practice for additional guidance.</i>	3
Number of Patients with a new outpatient appointment offered within 2 working days of receipt of referral who did not attend	6
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4 + 9 + 6 = Number of Referrals where Appointment Offered within 2 Working Days.



New Term **Retired**

Core Sexual Health Services

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Changes to Existing Term **Retired**

Outpatient Attendance

Only amendments to this term are displayed here.

New attendance: initiated from a new referral to a consultant or independent nurse in a hospital provider. This referral is initiated under the following circumstances:

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- b) referral from an A/E Consultant within the same or different hospital provider to different consultant or independent nurse
- c) a different Consultant or independent nurse to the one receiving the referral either from the same hospital provider or a different hospital provider



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- d) self referral by the patient
- e) other referral from a prosthetist, dentist or optician
- f) Referral from a domiciliary visits by the consultant or independent nurse in charge of the clinic
- g) A referral from a private consultation with a Consultant or independent nurse in charge of the clinic
- h) Other sources of Referral

Discharge: the series of attendance ends when one of the following occurs:

- a) The patient is not given a further appointment by the consultant or member of his medical team or independent nurse and is not expected to return within twelve months for the same complaint as the reason for referral or effect resulting from the same complaint. In relation to core sexual health services, this timescale is six weeks.
- b) The patient was given an invitation to return to the clinic should his or her original condition worsen and has not done so by the timescale originally agreed with the consultant or independent nurse at the time of the last attendance.
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Appendix C: Data Items and Term as they will appear in the Data Dictionary.

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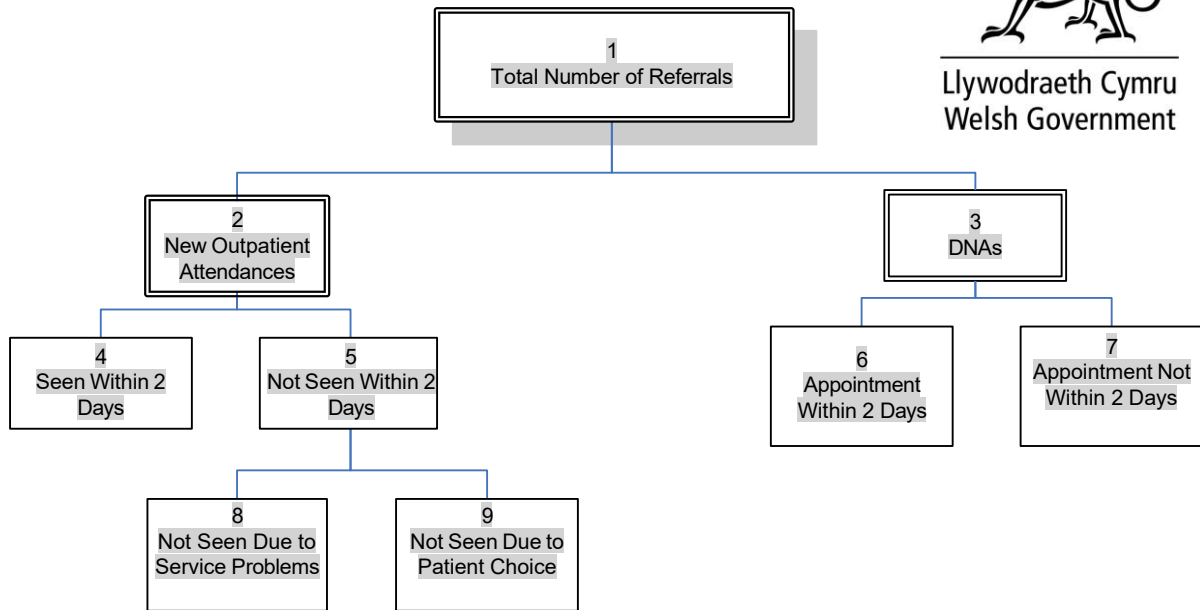
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Appendix D: Submission Form Retired
MONTHLY SEXUAL HEALTH TARGET
MONITORING FORM – EXAMPLE
TEMPLATE

Return Date:
Trust Code:

		New Outpatient Attendances					Did Not Attends		
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