

WELSH INFORMATION STANDARDS BOARD

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DATA STANDARDS CHANGE NOTICE

A Data Standards Change Notice (DSCN) is an information mandate for a new or revised information standard.

This DSCN was approved by the Welsh Information Standards Board (WISB) at its meeting on 19th March 2026.

WISB Reference: ISRN 2025 / 028

Summary:

To retire the formal collection of information pertaining Stroke Workforce Measure Aggregate Proforma

Data sets / returns affected:

NA

Please address enquiries about this Data Standards Change Notice to the Data Standards Team in Digital Health and Care Wales

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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:

https://nhs.wales365.sharepoint.com/sites/DHC_DST/Lists/Information%20Standards%20Assurance%20Submission%20Log/AllItems.aspx

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Introduction

As part of a review of aggregate proformas within the NHS Wales Data Dictionary, it has been confirmed that the Stroke Workforce Measure dataset is now obsolete.

This dataset was removed from the NHS Performance Framework the year after its introduction, as the data was not being collected. As a result, there are no longer any requirements for this dataset.

Description of Change

To retire the formal collection of information pertaining Stroke Workforce Measure Aggregate Proforma

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 Inclusion of new Stroke Workforce Measure

Action for the Welsh Government Delivery & Performance Division:

- To cease the formal reporting of the Inclusion of new Stroke Workforce Measure

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.

Data Definition Type	Name	New/Retired /Changed	Page Number
Aggregate Proforma	NHS Wales Delivery Framework 2021-22: Inclusion of new Stroke Workforce Measure 'Percentage of daily compliance with 2.375 (WTE) band 6 and 7 nurses per 10 stroke beds'	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.

Changes to Aggregate Proforma

NHS Wales Delivery Framework 2021-22: Inclusion of new Stroke Workforce Measure 'Percentage of daily compliance with 2.375 (WTE) band 6 and 7 nurses per 10 stroke beds' **Retired**

Change History	
DSCN 2022 / 08	NHS Wales Delivery Framework 2021-22: Inclusion of new Stroke Workforce Measure 'Percentage of daily compliance with 2.375 (WTE) band 6 and 7 nurses per 10 stroke beds'

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Return Submission Details **Retired**

Health Boards are required to provide a snapshot of census date / time on the last Friday of each month at 10am.

The form should be completed by each Health Board on the last day of the month after the end of the quarter for the previous quarter, with the first submission being 31st March 2022 (for previous quarter of December 2021, January and February 2022), and submit to the Stroke Team's Delivery Unit:

DU.Inbox@wales.nhs.uk

Scope **Retired**

The pro forma will be sent to Health Board stroke teams at the end of every month by the NHS Wales Delivery Unit. This will then require population with the Health Board data and returned by a set date on a quarterly basis. The data will then be collated alongside other stroke quality improvement measures at the NHS Wales Delivery Unit.

The inclusion of the workforce compliance measure is a key evidence-based metric for stroke services that also support the vision of stroke services in Wales. Following engagement with the clinical community, this was identified as a metric for inclusion in the 2021 Delivery Framework.

This information is currently not collected on a regular basis from Health Boards by the NHS Wales Delivery Unit and a pro forma has been developed to collect this data on a monthly basis. This is a Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme (SSNAP) measure but is currently only collected in a two-yearly organisational audit.

Information Requirements Retired

In order to calculate the standard, a pro forma will be sent to each stroke team at the end of the month by the Delivery Unit and the following questions asked. All questions to be answered as of 10:00am on the last Friday of the quarter. This information is required on a quarterly basis (March, June, September and December 2022). Most of the data will not change in the pro forma every month and therefore the burden on Health Boards to supply such data will be small:

1. Total number of acute stroke unit beds. *(For combined acute and rehabilitation units on the same ward please indicate the total number of beds for the combined unit, and answer all the following questions for the combined unit).* Total number of established whole time equivalent (WTE) stroke Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) posts.
2. Total number of established whole time equivalent (WTE) stroke Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) posts (detailed in Question 2) that are filled.
3. Total number of established whole time equivalent (WTE) Band 7 nurse posts.
4. Total number of established whole time equivalent (WTE) stroke Band 7 nurse posts (detailed in Question 7) that are filled.
5. The total number of Band 7 nurses on duty in the acute stroke ward during routine hours (at 10.00am on the last Friday in the month). *(Include CNS only if giving direct patient care as part of the ward team and do not include agency or locum staff).*
6. Total number of established whole time equivalent (WTE) Band 6 nurse posts.
7. Total number of established whole time equivalent (WTE) stroke Band 6 nurse posts (detailed in Question 4) that are filled.
8. Total number of Band 6 nurses on duty in the acute stroke ward during routine hours (at 10.00am on the last Friday in the month). *(Include CNS only if giving direct patient care as part of the ward team and do not include agency or locum staff).*
9. Total number of established whole time equivalent (WTE) Band 5 nurse posts.
10. Total number of established whole time equivalent (WTE) stroke Band 5 nurse posts (detailed in Question 6) that are filled.
11. Total number of Band 5 nurses on duty in acute stroke ward during routine hours (at 10:00am on the last Friday in the month). *(Do not include agency or locum staff)*
12. Total number of Agency Staff (Healthcare Assistants) on duty in the acute

stroke ward during routine hours (at 10:00am on the last Friday of the month).

13. Number of WTE Band 6 and 7 nurses per 10 stroke beds (*Calculated automatically based on filled posts*)

14. Compliance with 2.375 (WTE) Band 6 and 7 nurses per 10 stroke beds

15. (*Calculated automatically based on filled posts*)