

WELSH INFORMATION STANDARDS BOARD

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<p>Welsh Health Circular/Official Letter: WHC (2022)005: Welsh Value in Health Centre – Data Requirements</p> <p>Sponsor: Christopher Brown, National Director of Value Transformation</p> <p>Standard Type: PROMs</p> <p>Effective Date: 01/05/2026</p>	<p>Subject: Value in Health - Recovering Quality of Life (ReQoL-10) (AMD)</p>
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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 16th April 2026.

WISB Reference: ISRN 2026 / 005

Summary:

This DSCN introduces the into the Value in Health programme as a new validated patient-reported outcome measure. ReQoL-10 captures mental health-related quality of life directly from the service user’s perspective, addressing an identified gap in consistent outcomes measurement.

The inclusion strengthens national PROMs standardisation, supports person-centred service evaluation, and enhances the ability to undertake comparative reporting and value-based analysis across NHS Wales. This change aligns with strategic objectives to improve outcomes transparency, quality improvement, and evidence-informed commissioning.

Applies to:

[Patient Reported Outcome Measures \(PROMs\) \(wales.nhs.uk\)](https://www.wales.nhs.uk)

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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://nhswales365.sharepoint.com/sites/DHC_DST/Lists/Information%20Standards%20Assurance%20Submission%20Log/AllItems.aspx

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Introduction

The Value in Health (or VIH) programme was commissioned by Welsh Government to “Improve the health outcomes of the people in Wales, in a financially sustainable way, through the creation of a data-driven system, which seeks to provide timely information to citizens, clinical teams and organisations to inform decision-making.”

Part of this programme includes the development of digital products capable of providing outcome-based analytical information at the point of care, as well as for secondary use analyses. These products aim to:

- Provide an analytical tool to allow clinicians to view data at population level and make informed decisions based on relationships they identify between diagnoses, treatments and outcomes/survival;
- Improve accessibility of national audit data and make this visible throughout the year rather than via the annual statutory reporting process;
- Improve data quality by making the data more visible and using measures to highlight data issues;
- Make historical data available to enable the identification of patterns and trends over time; and
- Provide drill-through functionality to allow clinicians to drill down to record level and identify corresponding patient records in operational systems.

This is to be achieved through the central collection of patient-reported data, including that collected via Patient-Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs) and national clinical audit data, and data linkage to associate these records with sources of existing activity data, such as Admitted Patient Care (APC ds), Outpatient activity (OP ds) and Emergency Department Data Set (EDDS).

The mandate for the necessary patient-reported and clinical outcome data was issued to NHS Wales by Welsh Government via WHC (2022)005¹. This describes the requirement in the context of national strategy for health and social care, and the necessity for services to adapt to the evolving healthcare needs of the ageing population to create a service that is flexible and more effective in dealing with these emerging challenges.

This DSCN has been raised to formally introduce Question 11 to capture patient-reported information relating to swelling. This element was not previously included within the standard questionnaire but has been identified as clinically significant for monitoring treatment impact and ongoing symptom burden.

The addition ensures that outcome data more accurately reflects the patient’s lived experience, strengthens the clinical relevance of the dataset, and supports more comprehensive evaluation of service effectiveness across NHS Wales.

Description of Change

To introduce a standard coding structure for the *Recovering Quality of Life (ReQoL-10)* questionnaire within the PROMs dataset. This change formalises the inclusion of ReQoL-10 as a nationally standardised data item set, enabling consistent recording, submission, and reporting across NHS Wales.

The introduction of structured codes supports improved data quality, comparability, and analytical capability, ensuring that mental health-related quality of life outcomes can be systematically captured and utilised for service evaluation, value-based analysis, and quality improvement.

<https://www.gov.wales/welsh-value-health-centre-data-requirements-whc2022005>

Actions Required

Health Boards / Trust:

- To supply patient-reported data to DHCW in accordance with the information specification described in this DSCN.

Digital Health and Care Wales:

- To supply patient-reported data to health boards and trusts in accordance with the information specification described in this DSCN.

Recovering Quality of Life (ReQoL-10)

Scope

The scope of this standard is independent of the platform or source application used to capture patient-reported data. The composition of the associated PROMs data sets is described in separate DSCNs, one for each tool, e.g. Oxford Knee Score.

Also defined is a set of metadata items which underpin the data in an associated PROMs Metadata Standard. This comprises the following components or data modules:

- Patient Details;
- Document Details;
- Event Details;
- PROMs Details; and
- Data Entry Details.

This DSCN should be read in conjunction with the metadata specification and associated notices for related validated/standardised questionnaires and PROMs tools.

Effective Date:

This data standard is valid from the date of publication. In the case of PROMs, any Health Board wanting to develop new processes for collecting, storing or sharing PROMs information should adhere to the standard in accordance with their own implementation plans. Only those data flows that comply with the standard, and associated technical standards, will be processed for central storage and consumption by ViH products, and nationally developed views managed centrally by Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW). Implementation details can be found in the overarching PROMs Standard Operating Model (PSOM).²

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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 described in an existing standard.
- Retired: The entire data item is no longer in use.
- Changed: An existing data item has been modified; this includes a change to the definition or its value set.
- Existing: The inclusion of a data item that is already in use in an existing standard, but no changes have been made to its definition or value set.

Data Definition Type	Name	New/Retired/Changed/Existing	Page Number
Data module	Patient Details	Existing	5
Data module	Document Details	Existing	5
Data module	Event Details	Existing	5
Data module	PROMs Details	Existing	5
Data module	Data Entry Details	Existing	5
Data item	Q1	Existing	6
Data item	Q2	Existing	6
Data item	Q3	Existing	6
Data item	Q4	Existing	7
Data item	Q5	Existing	7
Data item	Q6	Existing	7
Data item	Q7	Existing	8
Data item	Q8	Existing	8
Data item	Q9	Existing	8
Data item	Q10	Existing	8
Data item	Q11	New	9
Data item	ReQoL-10 Score	Existing	9

Appendix B: Highlighted changes to be made to the Standard

Changes to the Standard 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 previous Standard.

Data Type	Item Name	Reference	Data represents
Data Module	Patient Details	MPDPX	See PROMs Metadata specification
Data Module	Document Details	MDDPX	See PROMs Metadata specification
Data Module	Event Details	MEDPX	See PROMs Metadata specification
Data Module	PROMs Details	MPPPX	See PROMs Metadata specification
Data Module	Data Entry Details	MDEPX	See PROMs Metadata specification
Data Item	Q1	RQ11PX001X	Code from applicable value set
Data Item	Q2	RQ11PX002X	Code from applicable value set
Data Item	Q3	RQ11PX003X	Code from applicable value set
Data Item	Q4	RQ11PX004X	Code from applicable value set
Data Item	Q5	RQ11PX005X	Code from applicable value set
Data Item	Q6	RQ11PX006X	Code from applicable value set
Data Item	Q7	RQ11PX007X	Code from applicable value set
Data Item	Q8	RQ11PX008X	Code from applicable value set
Data Item	Q9	RQ11PX009X	Code from applicable value set
Data Item	Q10	RQ11PX010X	Code from applicable value set
Data Item	Q11	RQ11PX011X	Code from applicable value set
Data Item	ReQoL-10 score	RQ11PX011X RQ11PX012X	Calculated score

- Please note that all data modules/items are mandatory, but the information specifications contain details for populating items where there is no data, e.g. 8 – N/A, 9 – Unknown, etc.
- Note also that a data record should be submitted if there is data for 1 or more questions. For questions where an answer has not been supplied, a value of NULL, N/A or unknown should be provided against the relevant data item in accordance with the specification described below.

Appendix C: Information Specification

Changes to the Standard are detailed below, with new text being highlighted in **blue** and deletions shown with a ~~strikethrough~~. Text shaded in **grey** denotes existing content.

Question Reference	Question Text	Item Name	Format	Value Set / Example												
RQ11PX001X	(Over the last week) 1. I found it difficult to get started with everyday tasks	Q1	1-digit numeric	<table border="1"> <tr><td>4</td><td>None of the time</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>Only occasionally</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>Sometimes</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>Often</td></tr> <tr><td>0</td><td>Most or all of the time</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>Unknown</td></tr> </table>	4	None of the time	3	Only occasionally	2	Sometimes	1	Often	0	Most or all of the time	9	Unknown
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RQ11PX005X	(Over the last week) 5. I felt happy	Q5	1-digit numeric	<table border="1"> <tr><td>0</td><td>None of the time</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>Only occasionally</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>Sometimes</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>Often</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>Most or all of the time</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>Unknown</td></tr> </table>	0	None of the time	1	Only occasionally	2	Sometimes	3	Often	4	Most or all of the time	9	Unknown
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RQ11PX006X	(Over the last week) 6. I thought my life was not worth living	Q6	1-digit numeric	<table border="1"> <tr><td>4</td><td>None of the time</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>Only occasionally</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>Sometimes</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>Often</td></tr> </table>	4	None of the time	3	Only occasionally	2	Sometimes	1	Often				
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				1 Only occasionally
				2 Sometimes
				3 Often
				4 Most or all of the time
				9 Unknown
RQ11PX008X	(Over the last week) 8. I felt hopeful about my future	Q8	1-digit numeric	0 None of the time
				1 Only occasionally
				2 Sometimes
				3 Often
				4 Most or all of the time
				9 Unknown
RQ11PX009X	(Over the last week) 9. I felt lonely	Q9	1-digit numeric	4 None of the time
				3 Only occasionally
				2 Sometimes
				1 Often
				0 Most or all of the time
				9 Unknown
RQ11PX010X	(Over the last week)	Q10	1-digit numeric	0 None of the time

	10. I felt confident in myself			<table border="1"> <tr><td>1</td><td>Only occasionally</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>Sometimes</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>Often</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>Most or all of the time</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>Unknown</td></tr> </table>	1	Only occasionally	2	Sometimes	3	Often	4	Most or all of the time	9	Unknown		
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RQ11PX011X	11. Please describe your physical health (problems with pain, mobility, difficulties caring for yourself or feeling physically unwell) over the last week	Q11	1-digit numeric	<table border="1"> <tr><td>4</td><td>No problems</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>Slight problems</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>Moderate problems</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>Severe problems</td></tr> <tr><td>0</td><td>Very severe problems</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>Unknown</td></tr> </table>	4	No problems	3	Slight problems	2	Moderate problems	1	Severe problems	0	Very severe problems	9	Unknown
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RQ11PX011X RQ11PX012X	ReQoL-10 Score	ReQoL-10 Score	Decimal (to as many decimal places as possible, i.e. no rounding)	Score (0-40) based on ReQoL-10 scoring method, e.g. 21 Use NULL for missing, unknown or N/A values												

