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 27th August 2026.

WISB Reference: ISRN 2025 / 008

Summary:

To refine, clarify, and align the existing Pathways of Care Delays (POCD) data set with current operational, reporting, and governance requirements across NHS Wales.

Data sets / returns affected:
Pathways of Care Delays Dataset
Learning Disabilities (Specialist Inpatient Services) Dataset
Admitted Patient Care (APC) Dataset
Note: Admitted Patient Care (APC) and Learning Disabilities datasets are referenced where aligned definitions, classifications, or downstream reporting impacts exist.

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

DATA STANDARDS CHANGE NOTICE

Introduction

Timely discharge from hospital is essential to patient safety, service efficiency, and wider system resilience across NHS Wales. Delayed discharges create avoidable clinical risk, operational pressure, and financial impact across health and social care services.

The Pathways of Care Delays (POCD) dataset was introduced to support consistent national reporting and operational monitoring of delayed discharges across NHS Wales. The transition to POCD was initiated through the Welsh Government letter Pathways of Care Reporting All-Wales Pilot (2 November 2022).
Since implementation in 2023, operational application of the dataset has identified areas requiring clarification, refinement, and alignment to strengthen consistency, improve interpretation, and support national reporting assurance.

This Data Standards Change Notice (DSCN) refines the existing POCD data standard by:

- Clarifying operational scope and reporting arrangements
- Refining data item definitions and validation logic
- Improving consistency across related national datasets
- Introducing additional operational reporting fields where required
- Retiring obsolete or unused data items
- Strengthening reporting clarity and governance alignment

The revisions do not alter the fundamental purpose of the POCD dataset or introduce a new national reporting mandate. The DSCN instead supports improved clarity, consistency, operational interpretation, and national reporting assurance.

Description of Change

The following changes are introduced through this DSCN:

- Clarification of Return Submission Details and reporting arrangements
- Refinement of dataset scope and operational guidance
- Introduction of new operational and validation-related data items
- Refinement of existing data item definitions and associated guidance notes
- Expansion and clarification of selected value sets
- Clarification of validation responsibilities and reporting arrangements
- Retirement of obsolete or unused data items following operational review
- Alignment of terminology and classifications with current NHS Wales operational reporting requirements

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 for further information.

Actions Required

Health Boards / Trust:

- Continue to collect, record, and submit POCD data in line with current operational system processes.
- Ensure that clinical, operational, and information teams are aware of the updated requirements to support accurate, complete, and consistent data recording.
- Confirm that submissions reflect the agreed monthly census snapshot and align with national reporting requirements.
- Health Boards may continue local implementation planning activity where appropriate; however, final supplier configuration changes should align with the approved DSCN and associated governance clarification outcomes.

Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW)

- Ensure that the POCD system and associated data flows are updated to reflect the revised data standard.
- Work collaboratively with system developers, Data Acquisition, Information Governance, NDAP, and relevant stakeholders to confirm and implement agreed reporting arrangements and supporting system changes.
- Define, document, and implement validation rules and reporting requirements in line with the revised dataset structure and agreed national reporting model.

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 set.

Data Definition Type	Name	New/Retired/ Changed/ Existing	Page Number
Patient Level Data Set	Pathways of Care Delays	Changed	2
Return Submission	Return Submission details	Changed	6
Scope	Scope	Changed	7
Data Item	Delay Identifier	New	10
Data Item	Ward Name	New	10
Data Item	Validated	New	10
Data Item	Return Date	Changed	11
Data Item	Ward Type	Changed	12
Data Item	Discharge Destination	Changed	16
Data Item	Reason [Reason for Delay]	Changed	21
Data Item	Reason No Longer Delayed	Changed	28
Data Item	Validated By (Health Board)	Changed	28
Data Item	Validated By (Social Services)	Changed	29
Data Item	Birth Date	Existing	31
Data Item	Clinically Optimised Date	Changed	33
Data Item	Discharge Date	Existing	33
Data Item	Local Patient Identifier	Existing	34
Data Item	NHS Number	Existing	35
Data Item	Organisation Code (Code of Provider)	Existing	38

Data Item	Patient's Name (Forename(s)	Existing	40
Data Item	Patient's Name (Surname)	Existing	41
Data Item	Patient's Usual Address	Existing	41
Data Item	Postcode of Usual Address	Existing	42
Data Item	Site Code (of Treatment)	Existing	44
Data Item	Start Date (Hospital Provider Spell)	Existing	46
Data Item	Treatment Function Code	Existing	46
Data Item	Category	Retired	76
Data Item	Reason Why No Validation	Retired	76
Data Item	Does Delay Require Local Authority Involvement	Retired	77
Data Item	Local Authority Reference Number	Retired	77
Data Item	Referral Date	Retired	77
Data Item	Validated Date	Retired	78

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

Health Boards are required to submit their monthly return by 12 noon on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Where the submission deadline falls on a public holiday, an alternative submission date will be communicated by Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW).

Each monthly return is based on a snapshot of all active Pathways of Care Delays as at the third Wednesday of the reporting month.

Example (April reporting month)

- **Census date:** Wednesday 15 April 2026 (third Wednesday).
- **Submission deadline:** Wednesday 22 April 2026 (fourth Wednesday) by 12 noon.

Data Acquisition will work with the DHCW Software Development Team to establish data flows from the PCD system.

Queries relating to the PCD system should be directed to Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW) via rfw-web@wales.nhs.uk.

Scope

The Pathways of Care Delays (POCD) dataset captures monthly snapshot information relating to adult inpatients whose discharge has been delayed across NHS Wales.

A patient is recorded within the POCD dataset when all of the following conditions are met:

- The patient is an inpatient occupying an NHS hospital bed.
- The patient is clinically optimised (i.e. a clinical decision has confirmed the patient is ready for discharge), but discharge remains delayed due to one or more recorded delay reasons
- More than 48 hours have elapsed since the point the patient became clinically optimised.

As data is submitted following the monthly census date, some delays recorded at the snapshot point may subsequently have been resolved prior to submission (for example, where a discharge date is later recorded).

Exclusions

The following patients are excluded from the POCD dataset:

- Patients under 18 years of age.

Data Set Structure

Rating* 1=Mandatory 2=Optional 3=Required 4=Derived	Data Item	Format
	CONTRACT DETAILS	
1	Organisation Code (Code of Provider)	an5
1	Return Date	ccyymmdd
1	Delay Identifier	n8
	PATIENT DETAILS	
3	NHS Number	n10
1	Patient's Name (Forename(s)	an35
1	Patient's Name (Surname)	an35
1	Birth Date	ccyymmdd
1	Patient's Usual Address	an175
3	Local Patient Identifier	an10
1	Postcode of Usual Address	an8
	HOSPITAL DETAILS	
1	Site Code (of Treatment)	an5
1	Ward Name	an70
1	Ward Type	n2
	ADMISSION DETAILS	
1	Start Date (Hospital Provider Spell)	ccyymmdd
	DELAY DETAILS	
3	Reason (Reason for Delay)	n7
	VALIDATED DETAILS	
1	Validated	n2
3	Validated By (Health Board)	an5

3	Validated By (Social Services)	an9
	DISCHARGE DETAILS	
3	Clinically Optimised Date	ccyymmdd
1	Treatment Function Code	n3
3	Discharge Destination	n2
2	Discharge Date	ccyymmdd
3	Reason No Longer Delayed	an2

* Mandatory - Must be reported
Optional - May be reported at submitter's discretion.
Required - Must be reported when applicable; failure to report won't reject record but affects national analysis.
Derived - Calculated during processing; not submitted in the file.

Data Items

A) New Data Items

Delay Identifier

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

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
POCD ds	1st September 2026	

A system generated sequential identifier used to identify an active Pathway of Care Delay record

Format: 8 digit numeric

Ward Name

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

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
POCD ds	1st September 2026	

The name of the ward where the patient is treated.

For POCD: This is the name of the ward in which the patient was an inpatient at the point they became clinically optimised.

Note: The ward name is recorded as entered within the local operational system and may therefore vary between organisations

Format: 70-character alpha-numeric.

Validated

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

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
POCD ds	1st September 2026	

This records whether the recorded Reason for Delay has completed the relevant validation process.

Validation may be undertaken by a Health Board and/or Local Authority depending on the operational responsibility associated with the delay reason.

Where validation is required, a value must be recorded.

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
01	Yes	1st September 2026	TBC
02	No	1st September 2026	TBC

Format: 2 digit numeric

B) Changes to existing Data Items

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	1st April 2007	31st August 2011
PP01W		8th February 2021
RTT-PTR	1st September 2008	30th September 2009
CRTT	1st April 2009	31st August 2011
Angiograms	1st December 2008	1st April 2010
RTT (Combined)	1st September 2011	
AUD WT ds	1st April 2025	
RTT weekly PTL ds	1st April 2025	
LD(SIS) ds	1st April 2026	
POCD ds	1st September 2026	

This relates to the date on which the list/count is measured. This is also known as the census date. It represents the exact date on which a data set provides a snapshot of information, capturing all data items as they exist on that day.

FOR POCD: This represents the confirmed monthly census date and provides a snapshot of all patients recorded as delayed on the agreed reporting date.

Format: 8 digit numeric, ccyymmdd

Ward Type ~~at the Start of the Episode~~

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	
POCD ds	1st February 2023	

This identifies the type of ward in which a patient is admitted.

FOR APC: This identifies the ward type at start of consultant episode. This is the description of the characteristics of a ward which covers resources available to intended users. A ward is classified according to the characteristics of the majority of beds within it.

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To	Data Set
AABCDEF				
AA= Clinical care intensity				
General				
06	Acute	1st February 2023		APC/POCD
07	Community	1st February 2023		APC/POCD
08	Mental health	1st February 2023		APC/POCD
09	Learning disability	1st February 2023		APC/POCD
10	Rehab	1st February 2023		APC/POCD
11	for intensive therapy	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
12	for normal therapy: where resources permit the admission of patients who might need all but intensive therapy	Pre 28th December 1995		APC

13	For limited therapy: where nursing care rather than continuous medical care is provided. Such wards can be used only for patients carefully selected and restricted to a narrow range in terms of the extent and nature of the disease	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
99	Other	1st September 2026		POCD
Younger physically disabled				
21	spinal unit, only those units that are nationally recognised	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
22	other units	1st May 1998		APC
28	*Other*	*Pre 28th December 1995*	*30th April 1998*	
Neonates				
31	regionally designated: not associated with the maternity ward and in which there are some regionally designated cots for intensive care	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
32	non-maternity: not associated with the maternity ward and without regionally designated cots for intensive care	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
33	maternity: associated with the maternity ward in that cots are in the maternity ward nursery or in the ward itself	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
Maternity				
41	only for patients looked after by consultants	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
42	for joint use by consultants and GMPs	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
43	only for patients looked after by GMPs	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
Mental Illness				
51	for intensive care, a regionally designated or interim secure unit	Pre 28th December 1995		APC

52	for short stay: patients intended to stay less than a year	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
53	for long stay: patients intended to stay a year or more	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
Learning Disabilities				
61	regionally designated or interim secure unit	1st July 1997		APC
62	short stay: patients intended to stay less than a year	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
63	long stay: patients intended to stay a year or more	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
Home leave				
71	home leave: non-psychiatric	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
72	home leave: psychiatric	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
Other				
81	Terminally ill/palliative care	1st July 1997		APC

See Ward Type, Terms (A-Z)

		Valid From	Valid To	Data Set
B = Age				
1	Neonates	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
2	Children and adolescents	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
3	Elderly	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
8	Any age	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
9	Home leave	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
C = Sex				
1	Male	Pre 28th December 1995		APC

2	Female	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
8	Not Specified	*Pre 28th December 1995* Reinstated 31st October 2004	*20th January 2002*	APC
9	Home leave	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
D = Provider type				
1	NHS hospital provider	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
2	Non-NHS hospital provider	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
9	Home leave	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
E = Number of days open during the day				
0 - 7		Pre 28th December 1995		APC
9	Home leave	Pre 28th December 1995		APC
F = Number of days open at night				
0 - 7		Pre - 28th December 1995		APC
9	Home leave	Pre - 28th December 1995		APC
7199999	Home leave: non-psychiatric	Pre-28th December 1995		APC
7299999	Home leave: psychiatric	Pre-28th December 1995		APC

Format: 7 digit numeric

FOR POCD:
This identifies the ward setting in which the patient was located at the point they became clinically optimised.

Where wards do not fall within values 06–10, a value of '99 – Other' should be submitted within the POCD dataset.

Format: 2 digit numeric (AA)

Discharge Destination

Change History	
DSCN 2022 / 06	Main Specialty (Consultant) (AMD)
DSCN 2019 / 09	National Cancer Data Standards for Wales – Core
DSCN 2019 / 04	APC – Source of Admission / Discharge Destination
DSCN 2009 / 09	NHS Reforms: NHS Wales Data Definition Update
DSCN (2008) 07 (W)	The Introduction of Valid Period Date Ranges for Data Items within the APC Data Set
DSCN (2006) 08 (W)	Data Standards: Source of Admission, Discharge Destination value of '51 and '55'
DSCN 09/02 (W)	Data Standards: Changes in High Security Psychiatric Services
DSCN 30/01 (W)	Data Standards: The implementation of new codes for Source of Admission and Discharge Destination to indicate admissions from the discharges to hospital providers in the same Trust. In line with the new definitions for Provider (Trust) Spell, Hospital Site Spell and Discharge

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	
~~National Cancer Ds – Core~~	-	-
LD(SIS) ds	1st April 2026	
POCD ds	1st September 2026	

The classification of where a patient is sent on completion of a hospital provider spell, or a note that the patient died or was a still birth.

FOR LEARNING DISABILITIES (SPECIALIST INPATIENT SERVICE) AND PATHWAYS OF CARE DELAYS (POCD):
This is the patient's planned discharge destination.

Format: 2 digit numeric

Value	Meaning	Description	Valid From	Valid To
00	No Home Allocated		TBC	
19	Own home		Pre 28th December 1995	
			Amended 1st April 2019	
20	Permanent residence at nursing home, residential care home		1st April 2019	
21	Temporary residence at nursing home, residential care home		1st April 2019	
22	No fixed abode		1st April 2019	
23	Hospice		1st April 2019	
24	Shared Supported Living		1st February 2026	
25	Family Home	Person lives in a family member's home.	1st February 2026	
26	Permanent residence at residential care home		1st February 2026	
27	Temporary residence at residential care home		1st February 2026	
29	Temporary place of residence when usually resident elsewhere (includes hotel, residential educational establishment)		Pre 28th December 1995	
39	Penal establishment, court or police		Pre 28th December 1995	

	station or police custody suite		Amended 1st April 2019	
49	Special Hospital		Pre 28th December 1995	31st December 2002
51	Patient transfer to another health board / trust		Pre 28th December 1995 Amended 28th February 2006 Amended 1st October 2009	
			Amended 1st April 2019	
52	Other Local Health Board/Trust - ward for maternity patients or neonates		Pre 28th December 1995 Amended 1st October 2009	31st March 2019
53	Other Local Health Board/Trust - ward for patients who are mentally ill or have learning disabilities		Pre 28th December 1995 Amended 1st October 2009	31st March 2019
54	NHS run nursing home, group home or residential care home		Pre 28th December 1995	31st March 2019
55	Patient transfer within the same health board / trust		1st September 2001 Amended 28th February 2006 Amended 1st October 2009	
			Amended 1st April 2019	
56	Hospital site within the same Local Health Board/Trust - ward for maternity patients or neonates		1st September 2001 Amended 1st October 2009	31st March 2019
57	Hospital site within the same Local Health Board/Trust -		1st September 2001	31st March 2019

	ward for patients who are mentally ill or have learning disabilities		Amended 1st October 2009	
65	Local Authority Part 3 residential accommodation i.e. where care is provided		Pre 28th December 1995	
66	Local authority foster care but not in Part 3 residential accommodation		Pre 28th December 1995	
69	Under local authority care – residential or foster care		Pre 28th December 1995	31st March 2001
79*	Not Applicable - Patient died or stillbirth		Pre 28th December 1995	
85	Non-NHS (other than local authority) run residential care home		Pre 28th December 1995	31st March 2019
86	Non-NHS (other than local authority) run nursing home		Pre 28th December 1995	31st March 2019
87	Patient transfer to Non-NHS run hospital includes private hospitals e.g. BUPA		Pre 28th December 1995	
			Amended 1st April 2019	
88	Non-NHS (other than Local Authority) run Hospice		1st July 1997	31st March 2019
89	Other non NHS Hospital, Nursing Home or Residential institution		Pre 28th December 1995	31st March 2001
98	Not applicable - hospital provider spell not finished at episode end (i.e. not discharged, or current episode unfinished)		1st July 1997	
99	Not Known		1st July 1997	20th January 2002

Spaces	Hospital provider spell not yet finished		Pre 28th December 1995	30th April 1998

* FOR APC: Derived when Discharge Method = 4 or 5

No Home Allocated – Used where a patient has been clinically optimised but no intended discharge destination has yet been identified at the point the delay commences.

FOR LEARNING DISABILITIES (SPECIALIST INPATIENT SERVICES):
This is the planned model of community care for the patient following discharge.

Reason for Delay

Change History	
DSCN 2023 / 01	Pathways of Care Delays Data Set

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

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
LD(SIS) ds	1st April 2026	
POCD ds	1st September 2026	

The reason for the delay in the patient's care pathway.

Format: 7 Character alpha numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
~~0.0~~	~~None~~		
~~1.01~~	**Assessment issues**		
1.01.01	Awaiting Social worker allocation	1st February 2023	
1.01.02	Awaiting completion of assessment by social care	1st February 2023	
1.01.03	Awaiting completion of assessment Nursing ~~/ AHP / Medical / Pharmacy~~	1st February 2023	
1.01.04	Awaiting Continuing Healthcare (CHC) Assessment	1st February 2023	
1.01.05	Awaiting joint assessment	1st February 2023	
1.01.06	Assessment through the language of choice	1st February 2023	
1.01.07	Awaiting completion of AHP Allied Health Professional Assessment	9th April 2024 Amended 1st April 2025	
1.01.08	Awaiting completion of assessment Medical	1st September 2026	
1.01.09	Awaiting completion of assessment Pharmacy	1st September 2026	
1.01.10	Awaiting completion of assessment Psychiatry	1st September 2026	
1.01.11	Awaiting completion of best interest decision	1st September 2026	
1.01.12	Mental Capacity Assessment Delays	1st September 2026	
~~1.02~~	**Transfer related issues**		

1.02.01	Awaiting transfer to intermediate care bedded facility	1st February 2023	TBC
1.02.02	Awaiting community-based health provision D/N, CPN	1st February 2023	TBC
1.02.03	Awaiting ~~integrated health /social care~~ community ~~provision~~ based health team	1st February 2023 Amended 1st April 2025	
1.02.04	Awaiting hospital arranged transport	1st February 2023	
~~2.01~~	**Funding issues**		
2.01.01	Awaiting funding decision	1st February 2023	
2.01.02	Awaiting funding decision FNC/CHC	1st February 2023	
2.01.03	Awaiting joint funding decision	1st February 2023	
~~2.02~~	**Home adaptation/equipment issues**		
2.02.01	Awaiting ~~completion of assessment/~~healthcare ~~provision~~ for equipment	1st February 2023 Amended 1st April 2025	
2.02.02	Awaiting ~~completion of assessment/~~social care provision for equipment	1st February 2023 Amended 1st April 2025	
2.02.03	Awaiting completion of adaptations ~~(DFG's)~~ essential for discharge	1st February 2023 Amended 1st April 2025	
2.02.04	Awaiting provision of telecare ~~and /or telehealth~~ equipment	1st February 2023 Amended 1st April 2025	
2.02.05	Awaiting provision of medicine management dispensing equipment/support	1st February 2023	
2.02.06	Awaiting provision of telehealth equipment	1st September 2026	
~~2.03~~	**Home care related issues**		
2.03.01	Awaiting start of new ~~home~~ community care package funded by social care	1st February 2023 Amended 1st April 2025	
2.03.02	Awaiting restart of previous ~~home~~ community care package	1st February 2023 Amended 1st April 2025	
2.03.03	Awaiting ~~Domiciliary~~ community care package self-funding	1st February 2023 Amended 1st April 2025	
2.03.04	Awaiting ~~new package of care~~ CHC community care package	1st February 2023 Amended 1st April 2025	

2.03.05	Awaiting jointly funded community care package	1st September 2026	
2.03.06	Awaiting palliative care community care package (CHC FASTRACK)	1st September 2026	
~~2.04~~	**Step down to recover and assess**		
2.04.01	Awaiting reablement community care package	1st February 2023 Amended 1st April 2025	
2.04.02	Awaiting Community Resource capacity	1st February 2023	TBC
2.04.03	Awaiting step down temp placement to a care home	1st September 2026	
~~2.05~~	**Disagreements/Disputes**		
2.05.01	Patient / family care home choice ~~related issues~~	1st February 2023 Amended 1st April 2025	
2.05.02	Patient/ family dispute CHC outcome	1st February 2023	
2.05.03	Patient / family ~~refusing~~ disputing and/or delaying to participate in financial assessment	1st February 2023 Amended 1st April 2025	
2.05.04	Patient / family disputing and/or delaying ~~refusing~~ to move to ~~next~~ any stage of care/ next stage of discharge	1st February 2023 Amended 1st April 2025	
2.05.05	Disputes between agencies	1st February 2023	
2.05.06	Intervention by patient's~~(lawyer)~~ legal representation	1st February 2023	
2.05.07	Mental Capacity / Court of Protection delays	1st February 2023	TBC
2.05.08	Safeguarding issues impacting discharge arrangements	1st February 2023	
2.05.09	Court of Protection Delays - Post Application	1st February 2023 Amended 1st April 2025	
2.05.10	Preparing for Court of Protection - Pre application	1st April 2025	
2.05.11	Patient family not engaging with the pathway of care discharge process	1st April 2025	
~~3.01~~	**Care Home placement arrangements**		
3.01.01	Awaiting completion of arrangements prior to placement	1st February 2023	TBC

3.01.02	Awaiting care home manager to visit, ~~and~~ assess and provide outcome (~~Standard 3~~ residential)	1st February 2023 Amended 1st April 2025	
3.01.03	Awaiting ~~Nursing~~ care home manager to visit, ~~and~~ assess and provide outcome (~~Standard 3~~ nursing)	1st February 2023 Amended 1st April 2025	
3.01.04	Awaiting completion of ~~nursing/residential home~~ self-funding arrangements to placement	1st February 2023 Amended 1st April 2025	
3.01.05	Awaiting RH availability	1st September 2026	
3.01.06	Awaiting NH availability	1st September 2026	
3.01.07	Awaiting ~~EMI~~ Dementia Residential availability	1st September 2026	
3.01.08	Awaiting ~~EMI~~ Dementia Nursing availability	1st September 2026	
3.01.09	Awaiting Specialist bed availability	1st September 2026	
3.01.10	Awaiting assessment/discharge arrangements to existing care home	1st September 2026	
3.01.11	Awaiting extra care / supported living availability	1st September 2026	TBC
3.01.12	Awaiting Mental Health Placement	1st September 2026	
3.01.13	Identifying Residential Home	1st September 2026	
3.01.14	Identifying Nursing Home	1st September 2026	
3.01.15	Identifying Dementia residential home	1st September 2026	
3.01.16	Identifying Dementia nursing home	1st September 2026	
3.01.17	Identifying specialist bed	1st September 2026	
3.01.18	Awaiting palliative care home Care Package (Fast track to Care Home)	1st September 2026	
3.01.19	Awaiting Learning Disability placement/accommodation	1st September 2026	
~~3.02~~	**NHS Bed related issues**		
3.02.01	Awaiting Mental Health bed	1st February 2023	TBC
3.02.02	Awaiting palliative care specialist bed	1st February 2023	TBC
3.02.03	Awaiting palliative care POC	1st February 2023	TBC
3.02.04	Awaiting palliative care home	1st February 2023	TBC
3.02.05	Awaiting Learning Disability Bed	1st February 2023	TBC
~~3.03~~	**Housing related issues**		
3.0~~1~~3.01	Homeless	1st February 2023	

3.03.02	No suitable abode – requires re housing	1st February 2023 Amended 1st April 2025	
3.03.03	Home unsafe and requires attention	1st September 2026	
3.03.04	Awaiting extra care availability	1st September 2026	
3.03.05	Awaiting supported living availability	1st September 2026	

Reason no longer delayed

Change History	
DSCN 2023 / 01	Pathways of Care Delays Data Set

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

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
POCD ds	1st February 2023	

This is the reason why the patient is no longer delayed.

Format: 2 digit numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
01	Discharge	1st February 2023	
02	Death	1st February 2023	
03	~~Transfer to another hospital within health Board~~	~~1st February 2023~~	TBC
04	~~Transfer to another hospital outside health Board~~	~~1st February 2023~~	TBC
05	~~Transfer other~~	~~1st February 2023~~	TBC
06	No longer clinically optimised for discharge	1st February 2023 Amended 1st April 2025	

Validated By (Health Board)

Change History	
DSCN 2023 /01	Pathways of Care Delays Data Set

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

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
POCD ds	1st February 2023	

~~Name of Authorised Person~~

This data item identifies the Health Board responsible for validating the recorded Reason for Delay.

The value recorded represents the submitting Health Board using the Local Health Board/Trust organisational reference code.

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Codes for Local Health Boards/Trust Code are available via the Welsh Reference Data Service (WRDS): http://wrds.wales.nhs.uk/ (NHS Wales Users Only)

Format: ~~35 Character~~ 3 character alpha-numeric (an3)

-	~~Free text~~	~~1st February 2023~~	-

See Organisation Code

Validated By (Social ~~Care~~ Services)

Change History	
DSCN 2023 /01	Pathways of Care Delays Data Set

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

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
POCD ds	1st February 2023	

~~Name of Authorised Person~~

This data item identifies the Local Authority (Social Services) responsible for validating the recorded Reason for Delay.

This field should only be populated where the delay reason requires Local Authority or Social Services validation.

Where the delay reason relates solely to Health Board processes, a value is not required.

The existing Local Authority value set has been retained to support consistency with current operational reporting arrangements.

Format: 35 Character

	~~Free Text~~	~~1st February 2023~~	

Local Authority

Value	Meaning
660	Isle of Anglesey
661	Gwynedd
662	Conwy
663	Denbighshire
664	Flintshire
665	Wrexham
666	Powys
667	Ceredigion
668	Pembrokeshire
669	Carmarthenshire
670	Swansea
671	Neath Port Talbot
672	Bridgend
673	The Vale of Glamorgan
674	Rhondda Cynon Taf
675	Merthyr Tydfil
676	Caerphilly
677	Blaenau Gwent
678	Torfaen
679	Monmouthshire
680	Newport
681	Cardiff

999	Other – Outside Wales

A) Existing Data Items

Birth Date

Change History	
DSCN 2025 / 01	Audiology wait Times Data Set
DSCN 2024 / 12	Welsh Emergency Care Data Set
DSCN 2022 / 06	Main Specialty (Consultant) (AMD)
DSCN 2020 / 31	National Cancer Data Standards for Wales – Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy (SACT)
DSCN 2020 / 28	Single Cancer Pathway – Core (AMD)
DSCN 2020 / 21	Single Cancer Pathway - Core
DSCN 2019 / 09	National Cancer Data Standards for Wales – Core
DSCN 2016 / 02	Maternity Indicators Data Set
DSCN 2015 / 03	Radiotherapy Data Set
DDCN 2014 / 05	Cancelled Admitted Procedures (Postponed Admitted Procedures) Data Set
DSCN 2014 / 02	Substance Misuse Data Set
DSCN 2013 / 03	Cancelled Admitted Procedures Data Set
DSCN 2013 / 01	Retirement of 'Medical & Dental Staff Census' (SBH50-59A) and 'Non-Medical Staffing' data collections
DSCN 2012 / 11	Elective Admission List Data Set (EAL Ds)
DSCN (2009) 02 (W)	Emergency Department Data Set
DSCN (2008) 07 (W)	The Introduction of Valid Period Date Ranges for Data Items within the APC Data Set
DSCN (2007) 06 (W)	Amendments to Data Items 'Patient's Usual Address', 'Postcode of Usual Address' and 'Birth Date'.
DSCN (2006) 04 (W)	Revised definitions for Phase 2 of the Outpatient Data Quality Project

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	
SBH50-59a	-	2nd January 2013
Non – Medical Staffing	-	2nd January 2013
PAP ds	1st April 2013	
SM ds	1st April 2014	
RTDS	1st April 2014	
MI ds	1st April 2016	
SCPC ds	1st January 2021	
National Cancer Ds - Core		
National Cancer Ds - SACT		
WECDS	1st August 2024	
AUD WT ds	1st April 2025	
RTT weekly PTL ds	1st April 2025	
RAD ds	1st April 2026	
SPOC ds	1st April 2026	
POCD ds	1st February 2023	

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*	*1st March 2006*	*31st January 2007*
18111111	Date of Birth Unknown	1st February 2007	

(Psychiatric Census)

Date of birth of patient.

Format: 8 digit numeric, DDMMCCYY

Clinically Optimised Date

Change History	

DSCN 2023 /01	Pathways of Care Delays Data Set

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

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
POCD ds	1st February 2023	
LD(SIS) ds	1st April 2026	

The date a clinical decision has been made by the registered professional(s) that the patient is ready for ~~transfer or~~ discharge

Format: 8 Digit Numeric, CCYYMMDD

Discharge Date

Change History	
DSCN 2022 / 06	Main Specialty (Consultant) (AMD)
DSCN 2019 / 09 / Specification	National Cancer Data Standards for Wales – Core

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	
National Cancer Ds - Core		
POCD ds	1st February 2023	

Date of discharge from the Hospital Provider Spell. The date on which a patient dies or is discharged from a continuous spell of care using the hospital bed(s) within a single hospital provider. Identical to the end date of the last consultant episode of care and ward stay within a hospital provider spell.

Discharge Date Status is associated with this data item and should be used to indicate whether Discharge Date is supplied or is not applicable.

Format: 8 digit numeric, CCYYMMDD

Local Patient Identifier

Change History	
DSCN 2025 / 01	Audiology Wait Times Data Set
DSCN 2024 / 12	Welsh Emergency Care Data Set
DSCN 2022 / 06	Main Specialty (Consultant) (AMD)
DSCN 2021 / 01	Single Cancer Pathway – Adjustments Data Set – Retirement
DSCN 2020 / 31	National Cancer Data Standards for Wales – Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy (SACT)
DSCN 2020 / 28	Suspected Cancer Pathway – Core (AMD)
DSCN 2020 / 22	Single Cancer Pathway - Adjustments
DSCN 2020 / 21	Single Cancer Pathway - Core
DSCN 2019 / 09	National Cancer Data Standards for Wales – Core
DSCN 2015 / 03	Radiotherapy Data Set
DDCN 2014 / 05	Cancelled Admitted Procedures (Postponed Admitted Procedures) Data Set

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	
OPR ds	1st July 2008	
EDDS	1st April 2009	
PAP ds	1st April 2013	
RTDS	1st April 2014	
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	
RTT weekly PTL ds	1st April 2025	
RAD ds	1st April 2026	
SPOC ds	1st April 2026	
POCD ds	1st February 2023	

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.

NHS Number

Change History	
DSCN 2025 / 01	Audiology Wait Times Data Set
DSCN 2024 / 12	Welsh Emergency Care Data Set
DSCN 2022 / 06	Main Specialty (Consultant) (AMD)
DSCN 2021 / 01	Single Cancer Pathway – Adjustments Data Set – Retirement
DSCN 2020 / 31	National Cancer Data Standards for Wales – Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy (SACT)
DSCN 2020 / 28	Suspected Cancer Pathway – Core (AMD)
DSCN 2020 / 22	Single Cancer Pathway - Adjustments
DSCN 2020 / 21	Single Cancer Pathway - Core
DSCN 2020 / 02	Maternity Indicators Data Set (AMD)
DSCN 2019 / 09	National Cancer Data Standards for Wales – Core
DSCN 2016 / 02	Maternity Indicators Data Set
DSCN 2015 / 06	NHS Number Operational Standard
DSCN 2015 / 03	Radiotherapy Data Set
DDCN 2014 / 05	Cancelled Admitted Procedures (Postponed Admitted Procedures) Data Set
DSCN 2014 / 02	Substance Misuse Data Set
DSCN 2013 / 03	Cancelled Admitted Procedures Data Set
DSCN 2012 / 11	Elective Admission List Data Set (EAL Ds)
DDCN 2012 / 06	To remove all references to 'Health Solutions Wales', 'Business Services Centre' and 'Information Products Unit' and replace with 'NHS Wales Informatics Service'
DSCN (2009) 02 (W)	Emergency Department Data Set
DSCN 10/03 (W)	NHS Numbers for Babies

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	
RTT weekly PTL ds	1st April 2025	
RAD ds	1st April 2026	
SPOC ds	1st April 2026	
POCD ds	1st February 2023	

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

Organisation Code (Code of Provider)

Change History	
DSCN 2025 / 01	Audiology Wait Times Data Set
DSCN 2024 / 12	Welsh Emergency Care Data Set
DSCN 2021 / 02	Inpatient and Day Case Admissions and First Outpatient Appointments Waiting Times (PP01W) Data Set - Retirement
DSCN 2021 / 01	Single Cancer Pathway – Adjustments Data Set – Retirement

DSCN 2020 / 28	Single Cancer Pathway – Core (AMD)
DSCN 2020 / 22	Single Cancer Pathway - Adjustments
DSCN 2020 / 21	Single Cancer Pathway - Core
DSCN 2016 / 02	Maternity Indicators Data Set
DSCN 2015 / 03	Radiotherapy Data Set
DDCN 2014 / 05	Cancelled Admitted Procedures (Postponed Admitted Procedures) Data Set
DSCN 2013 / 03	Cancelled Admitted Procedures Data Set
DSCN 2012 / 11	Elective Admission List Data Set (EAL Ds)
DSCN 2011 / 07	The introduction of the 'Referral to Treatment Times (Combined)' return
DDCN 2011 / 02	Angiogram Waiting Time & Referral to Treatment Patient Tracking Report.
DSCN 2010 / 12	Referral to Treatment Patient Tracking Report.
DSCN 2010 / 06	Outpatient Activity Minimum Data Set (OP MDS) Data Validity Standards
DSCN 2009 / 09	NHS Reforms: NHS Wales Data Definition Update
DSCN (2009) 02 (W)	Emergency Department Data Set
DSCN (2008) 08 (W)	Referral to Treatment Patient Tracking Report
DSCN (2008) 05 (W)	Outpatient Referral Data Set
DSCN (2006) 03 (W)	Recording and Reporting of the 2nd Offer Scheme

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	
DATS		
RTT	1st April 2007	31st August 2011
RTT-PTR	1st September 2008	30th September 2009
PP01W		8th February 2021
EDDS	1st April 2009	
RTT (Combined)	1st September 2011	

PAP ds	1st April 2013	
RTDS	1st April 2014	
MI ds	1st April 2016	
SCPC ds	1st January 2021	
SCPA ds	1st January 2021	3rd February 2021
WECDS	1st August 2024	
AUD WT ds	1st April 2025	
SPOC ds	1st April 2026	
RAD ds	1st April 2026	
LD(SIS) ds	1st April 2026	
POCD ds	1st February 2023	

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	1st April 2004	

	code has been issued		
89999	Non-NHS UK provider where no organisation code has been requested and issued	1st April 2002	

See ORGANISATION CODE

FOR RADIOLOGY DATA SET, ~~AND~~ LEARNING DISABILITIES (SPECIALIST INPATIENT SERVICES) AND POCD:
See Core Reference Data Standards for Organisation Code.

Patient's Name (Forename(s)

Change History	
DSCN 2020 / 28	Suspected Cancer Pathway – Core (AMD)
DSCN 2020 / 21	Single Cancer Pathway - Core

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

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
SCPC ds	1st January 2021	
POCD ds	1st February 2023	

The persons forename(s) or given name(s).

Format: 35 character alpha-numeric

Patient's Name (Surname)

Change History	
DSCN 2020 / 28	Suspected Cancer Pathway – Core (AMD)
DSCN 2020 / 21	Single Cancer Pathway - Core

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

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
SCPC ds	1st January 2021	
POCD ds	1st February 2023	

The patients surname used to describe family, clan or marital association.

Format: 35 character alpha-numeric

Patient's Usual Address

Change History	
DSCN 2025 / 01	Audiology Wait Times Data Set
DSCN 2024 / 12	Welsh Emergency Care Data Set
DSCN 2022 / 06	Main Specialty (Consultant) (AMD)
DSCN 2020 / 28	Suspected Cancer Pathway – Core (AMD)
DSCN 2020 / 21	Single Cancer Pathway - Core
DSCN 2019 / 09	National Cancer Data Standards for Wales – Core
DSCN 2016 / 02	Maternity Indicators Data Set
DSCN 2015 / 03	Radiotherapy Data Set
DSCN 2012 / 11	Elective Admission List Data Set (EAL Ds)
DSCN (2009) 02 (W)	Emergency Department Data Set
DSCN (2008) 05 (W)	Outpatient Referral Data Set
DSCN (2007) 06 (W)	Amendments to Data Items; 'Patients Usual Address', 'Postcode of Usual Address' and '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	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	
RTDS	1st April 2014	
MI ds	1st April 2016	

SCPC ds	1st January 2021	
National Cancer Ds - Core		
WECDS	1st August 2024	
AUD WT ds	1st April 2025	
RTT weekly PTL ds	1st April 2025	
SPOC ds 1st April 2026	SPOC ds 1st April 2026	
RAD ds	1st April 2026	
POCD ds	1st February 2023	

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

Change History	
DSCN 2025 / 01	Audiology Wait Times Data Set
DSCN 2024 / 12	Welsh Emergency Care Data Set
DSCN 2022 / 06	Main Specialty (Consultant) (AMD)
DSCN 2020 / 31	National Cancer Data Standards for Wales – Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy (SACT)
DSCN 2020 / 28	Suspected Cancer Pathway – Core (AMD)
DSCN 2020 / 21	Single Cancer Pathway - Core
DSCN 2019 / 09	National Cancer Data Standards for Wales – Core
DSCN 2016 / 02	Maternity Indicators Data Set

DSCN 2015 / 03	Radiotherapy Data Set
DSCN 2012 / 11	Elective Admission List Data Set (EAL Ds)
DSCN 2009 / 09	NHS Reforms: NHS Wales Data Definition Update
DSCN (2009) 02 (W)	Emergency Department Data Set
DSCN (2007) 06 (W)	Amendments to Data Items; 'Patients Usual Address', 'Postcode of Usual Address' and '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	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	
RTDS	1st April 2014	
MI ds	1st April 2016	
SCPC ds	1st January 2021	
National Cancer Ds – Core		
National Cancer Ds - SACT		
WECDS	1st August 2024	
AUD WT ds	1st April 2025	
RTT weekly PTL ds	1st April 2025	
SPOC ds 1st April 2026	SPOC ds 1st April 2026	
RAD ds	1st April 2026	
POCD ds	1st February 2023	

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

FOR RADIOLOGY DATA SET AND POCD:
See Core Reference Data Standards for Postcode.

Site Code (of Treatment)

Change History	
DSCN 2024 / 12	Welsh Emergency Care Data Set
DSCN 2020 / 27	Outpatient Activity (Virtual Clinics) – Phase Two
DSCN 2020 / 02	Maternity Indicators Data Set (AMD)
DSCN 2016 / 02	Maternity Indicators Data Set
DDCN 2014 / 05	Cancelled Admitted Procedures (Postponed Admitted Procedures) Data Set
DSCN 2013 / 03	Cancelled Admitted Procedures Data Set
DSCN 2009 / 09	NHS Reforms: NHS Wales Data Definition Update
DSCN (2009) 02 (W)	Emergency Department Data Set
DSCN (2008) 07 (W)	The Introduction of Valid Period Date Ranges for Data Items within the APC Data Set
DSCN 04/06 (W)	Revised definitions for Phase 2 of the Outpatient Data Quality Project
DSCN 19/01 (W)	Subject: Capturing data for NHS patients treated in private hospitals

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	
OP ds	1st April 1999	
CC ds	1st April 2007	
EDDS	1st April 2009	

PAP ds	1st April 2013	
MI ds	1st April 2016	
WECDS	1st August 2024	
RTT weekly PTL ds	1st April 2025	
RAD ds	1st April 2026	
POCD ds	1st February 2023	

The organisation code for the site where the patient will be or is treated.

For MI ds (Birth): The organisation code for the site where the woman gave birth. This may be the same as or different to where she may have been treated during labour.

Format: 5 character alpha-numeric

See ORGANISATION CODE

Where the response for data item (Consultation method) is

- Virtual Clinical Appointment (Patient Contact) - Video, record the most relevant value for where the healthcare professional is when conducting the appointment.
- Virtual Clinical Appointment (Patient Contact) - Phone, record the most relevant value for where the healthcare professional is when conducting the appointment.
- Virtual Clinical Review (Non-Patient Contact), record the most relevant value for where the healthcare professional is when conducting the review

For outpatients and MI ds:

Face to Face activity may take place outside the hospital, such as in the patient's home; in such cases, raising a site code is impractical. The following default codes should be used when required:

For MI ds:-

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
R9998	Not a hospital site	1st April 2016	

For Outpatients:-

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
R9998	Not a hospital site	1st April 2016	
89999	Not applicable: Non-NHS providers where no site code has been requested and issued	1st April 2002	
89997	Not applicable: Non-UK provider	21st January 2002	

Where treatment for an NHS patient is sub-commissioned to an overseas provider the default code 89997 is applicable.

FOR RADIOLOGY DATA SET AND POCD:
See Core Reference Data Standards for Organisation Site Code.

Start Date (Hospital Provider Spell)

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	
LD(SIS) ds	1st April 2026	
POCD ds	1st February 2023	

This is the beginning of a hospital provider spell, or the date of admission. The consultant has assumed responsibility for care following the decision to admit the patient. This may be before formal admission procedures have been completed and the patient is transferred to a ward.

Format: 8 digit numeric, CCYYMMDD

See Admission Date

Treatment Function Code

Change History	
DSCN 2025 / 01	Audiology Wait Times Dat Set
DSCN 2024 / 12	Welsh Emergency Care Data Set
DDCN 2024 / 01	Retired Treatment Function Codes list standardisation
DSCN 2022 / 05	Treatment Function Code (AMD)
DSCN 2014 / 08 (AMD)	Treatment Function Code
DDCN 2014 / 05	Cancelled Admitted Procedures (Postponed Admitted Procedures) Data Set
DDCN 2013 / 14	Appendix A – Specialty Codes
DSCN 2013 / 03	Cancelled Admitted Procedures Data Set
DSCN 2012 / 11	Elective Admission List Data Set (EAL Ds)
DSCN 2011 / 07	The introduction of the 'Referral to Treatment Times (Combined)' return
DSCN 2010 / 07	Admitted Patient Care Minimum Data Set (APC MDS) Data Validity Standards
DSCN (2008) 05 (W)	Outpatient Referral Data Set
DSCN (2006) 05 (W)	Rename Data Item 'Consultant Specialty Function Code' and Specialty 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	1st April 1999	
OP ds	1st April 1999	
EAL ds	1st April 1999	21st November 2012
CC ds	1st April 2007	
OPR ds	1st July 2008	
RTT (Combined)	1st September 2011	
PAP ds	1st April 2013	
WECDS	1st August 2024	
AUD WT ds	1st April 2025	
RTT weekly PTL ds	1st April 2025	
SPOC ds	SPOC ds 1st April 2026	
RAD ds	1st April 2026	
LD(SIS) ds	1st April 2026	
POCD ds	1st February 2023	

(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 28th 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 28th 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st April 2015	Services for the surgical treatment of disorders of the lower intestine (colon, anus, and rectum)
105	Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgery Service	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	24th 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 28th 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	24th 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	24th 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	24th 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 28th 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 28th 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 28th 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 28th 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 28th 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	1st 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	24th 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 28th 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 28th 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	1st 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 28th 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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 28th December 1995	Dedicated children's services for dentistry with appropriate facilities and support staff. For further information, see: The British Society of Paediatric Dentistry

171[1]	Paediatric Surgery Service	Pre 28th December 1995	Dedicated children's services for general surgery. For further information, see: Royal College of Surgeons - Paediatric Surgery
211	Paediatric Urology Service	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st April 2016	Dedicated children's services for the surgical treatment of the heart or great vessels.
222	Paediatric Thoracic Surgery Service	1st 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	1st 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	24th 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	24th 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	1st 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	1st 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	24th 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	24th 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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 28th 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 28th 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 28th 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 28th December 1995	Services for complex pain disorders requiring diagnosis and treatment by a specialist Multi-disciplinary Team.
192	Intensive Care Medicine Service	1st 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	Aviation and Space Medicine Service	24th January 2022	Also known as Aerospace Medicine Services. 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 28th 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 28th 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 28th 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 28th 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 28th 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 28th 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st April 2016	Specialist services for the diagnosis, treatment, and management of haemophilia.
310	Audio Vestibular Medicine Service	Pre 28th 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 28th 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 28th 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 28th 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 28th 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st April 2016	Services providing temporary care of a dependant person, providing relief for their usual caregivers
320	Cardiology Service	Pre 28th 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	1st April 2016	Services for the diagnosis, management, and treatment of patients with diseases caused by bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites.
323	Spinal Injuries Service	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	24th 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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 28th 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	1st 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	24th 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	24th 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 28th 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	1st 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	1st April 2016	Formerly known as Programmed Pulmonary Rehabilitation. A multidisciplinary programme of care for patients with chronic respiratory impairment.
343	Adult Cystic Fibrosis Service	1st 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	24th 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	24th 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 28th 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	1st 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 28th 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 28th 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 28th 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 28th 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 28th 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 28th 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 28th 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 28th 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	1st 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	1st 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 28th 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	24th 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 28th 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	24th 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 28th 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	24th 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 28th 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 28th 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	1st 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	24th 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	24th 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	1st 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	1st 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 28th 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	24th 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 28th 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st April 2016	Services providing the diagnosis and non-surgical treatment of disorders of the eye and vision care
663[1]	Podiatric Surgery Service	1st 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	24th 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	24th 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	24th 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	24th 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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	1st April 2016	Services providing dedicated small group education courses regarding self-management for diabetic patients

998	Diagnostic*	14th September 2011	
999	Allied Health Professional (AHP) Services*	14th September 2011	

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.

Retired

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	1st 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	1st 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	1st 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

FOR RADIOLOGY DATA SET, ~~AND~~ LEARNING DISABILITIES (SPECIALIST INPATIENT SERVICES) AND POCD:
See Core Reference Data Standards Treatment Specialty.

A) Retirement of Data Items

Category

Change History	
DSCN 2023 / 01	Pathways of Care Delays Data Set

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

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
POCD ds	1st February 2023	TBC

The status of a patient on admission after clinical assessment.

Format: Alphanumeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
1	Awaiting transfer onto D2RA or to another pathway	1st February 2023	TBC
2	Awaiting Discharge, not requiring D2RA Pathways	1st February 2023	TBC
3	Awaiting transfer out of D2RA Pathways	1st February 2023	TBC
0	None	1st February 2023	TBC

Local Authority Reference Number

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Local Authority derived reference Number

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Does Delay Require Local Authority Involvement

Change History	
2023 / 01	Pathways of Care Delays Data Set

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POCD ds	1st February 2023	TBC

Decision regarding whether patient needs/requires LA input to aid discharge.

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Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
01	Yes	1st February 2023	TBC
02	No	1st February 2023	TBC

Reason Why No Validation

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POCD ds	1st February 2023	TBC

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Referral Date

Change History	
DSCN 2023 / 01	Pathways of Care Delays Data Set

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POCD ds	1st February 2023	TBC
RAD ds	1st April 2026	

Date of Referral for Local Authority involvement.

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Validated Date

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POCD ds	1st February 2023	TBC

Date of Validation by Authorised Person

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