

Subject(s):	<i>Retirement of Korner Return KA34 - Patient Transport Services</i>
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Reason for Change

The quarterly Korner return KA34 has been used to collect aggregate information about patient transport services in Wales since 1987/88. It was used to collect aggregate data on all patient journeys undertaken by the Welsh Ambulance Service Trust (WAST) in Wales. Data was provided on the total numbers of responses to calls and how many arrived at the scene within the target times.

The KA34 proforma was retired by the Welsh Government in 2007 as the information requirements were being sourced directly from WAST. We are therefore removing all references to the KA34 and all associated definitions from the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

A further DSCN will be issued to describe the current reporting arrangements for the collection of information on patient transport services.

Description of Change

To remove references to KA34 and associated definitions from the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

Data Dictionary Version

Where applicable, this DDCN reflects changes introduced by DDCN and/or DSCN since the release of version 4.1 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

The changes introduced by such DDCNs will be published in version 4.2 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

Section 1: Table reflecting areas that are impacted as a result of this DDCN

The following table shows all the data sets, data items, terms and other associated areas that are linked with the changes documented within this DDCN.

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

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Section 2: Highlighted changes to be made to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary

Changes to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary are detailed below, with new text being highlighted in **blue** and deletions are shown with a **strikethrough**. The text shaded in **grey** shows existing text copied from the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

Changes to Terms

Korner – Terms

[Action Taken](#) - KO41(A)/KO41(B)
~~[Ambulance Service](#)~~ - KA34
[Assessment](#) - KC62
[Biopsy Referral Outcome](#) - KC61, KC65
[Cancers Diagnosed](#) - KC62
[Cervical Cytology Screening](#) - KC53, KC61
[Colposcopy](#) - KC65
[Colposcopy Prime Procedure Type](#) - KC65
[Colposcopy Results Type](#) - KC65
[Colposcopy Visit Type](#) - KC65
[Community Episode](#) - KC50
[Complaint](#) - KO41(A)/KO41(B)
[Contact](#) - KC60
[Cross Section Analysis of Population Coverage within Period 1/4/XXXX – 31/3/XXXX](#) - KC63
[Cytology Results Type](#) - KC53, KC61
[Cytology Screening Action Type](#) - KC61
[Data Completeness Indicators](#) - KC62
[Detained Patient](#) - KP90
[Domiciliary Visit](#) - KC50-63
[Early Recalls](#) - KC62
~~[Emergency Call](#)~~ - KA34
~~[Emergency Journey](#)~~ - KA34
[First Invitation for Routine Screening](#) - KC62
[Initial Contact](#) - KC60
[Invitations and Outcomes](#) - KC62
[Legal Status](#) - KP90
[Mental Category](#) - KP90
[Outcome Measures](#) - KC62
~~[Patient Journey](#)~~ - KA34
~~[Percentile Time Values](#)~~ - KA34
[Primary Course Of Immunisation](#) - KC50
~~[Priority Of Journey](#)~~ - KA34
[Psychiatric Patient](#) - KP90
[Psychopathic Disorder](#) - KP90
~~[Response Time](#)~~ - KA34
[Routine Invitation to Previous Attendees \(last screen more than 5 years previously\)](#) - KC62
[Routine Invitation to Previous Attendees \(last screen within 5 years\)](#) - KC62
[Routine Invitation to Previous Non-attendees](#) - KC62
[Screening Invitation Date](#) - KC53
[Screening Invitation Type](#) - KC53
[Screening Programmes](#) - KC53
[Screening Status](#) - KC53
[Screening Test Date](#) - KC53

[Self/GP Referrals of Women Not Screened Previously](#) - KC62
[Self/GP Referrals of Women Not Screened Previously \(last screen more than 5 years previously\)](#) - KC62
[Self/GP Referrals of Women Screened Previously \(last screen within 5 years\)](#) - KC62
[Sexually Transmitted Diseases](#) - KC60
[Skin Test](#) - KC50
[Smear Source Type](#) - KC61
[Special Journey](#) - KA34
[Status of Cancer](#) - KC62
[Target Population](#) - KC50-53
[Tuberculin Skin Test](#) - KC50
[Type Of Complaint](#) - KO41 (A)/KO41 (B)
[Urgent Journey](#) - KA34
[Women with Open Episodes](#) - KC63

Changes to Terms (A-Z)

Ambulance Service

Change History	-
DSCN 06/02 (W)	Data Standards: Updated Ambulance Definitions

~~The ambulance service is classified according to population density:~~

a)	Urban: more than 7 persons per hectare; more than 3 persons per acre
b)	Rural: between 1 and 7 persons per hectare; between 0.5 and 3 persons per acre
c)	Sparsely populated: less than 1 person per hectare; less than 0.5 persons per acre

~~**Response time:** the time from receipt of an emergency call to the time of arrival of a vehicle (with 2-man fully trained crew) at the place where the patient is. A response within 8 minutes means eight minutes zero seconds or less. A similar definition should be used for 14/18 and 21 minutes.~~

~~The service classifications of the ambulance service and their respective standard response times are as follows:~~

~~Emergency calls:~~

~~Category A — 'Immediately life-threatening'~~

~~Category B — 'All other Emergency calls'~~

Service classification	Standard response times (minutes) for Category A	Standard response time (minutes) for Category B
Urban	8	14
Rural	8	18
Sparsely populated	8	21

Emergency Call

Change History	-
DSCN-06/02 (W)	Data Standards: Updated Ambulance Definitions

This is a notification of the need for immediate transport of a person or persons injured in an accident or taken ill suddenly.

See [Patient Journey](#)

For KA34,

If there have been multiple calls to an incident all calls should be recorded unless the return states otherwise.

For Hospital Performance Indicator an emergency call includes:

(i)	a 999 call requesting a response to an accident or sudden illness
(ii)	a maternity admission or suspected coronary cases requiring immediate emergency response unless there is a clear indication to the contrary e.g. that an ambulance is not required until a specified later time (not necessarily through the 999 system)
(iii)	any other type of patient for whom an emergency procedure is necessary

Emergency Journey

See [Patient Journey](#)

Patient Journey

Change History	-
DSCN-06/02 (W)	Data Standards: Updated Ambulance Definitions

A patient journey is a single trip to, or return from a place where the patient receives medical care or treatment, for one patient. If 1 ambulance carries 3 patients this counts as 3 patient journeys.

Priority of journey is classified as follows:

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a)	<p>Emergency Call/Journey: Emergency calls classified as immediately life threatening (Category A) generally made in response to a 999 call, or classified by a doctor as requiring an immediate response. An approved first responder must be deployed immediately to give initial treatment before taking patients to hospital even if other work is delayed. An approved first responder could be an ambulance but could also be a paramedic on a bike, a local GP or another suitably trained individual. If not an ambulance then a follow-up ambulance is expected to arrive within the 'Category B' timescales.</p>
-	<p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. All accident and sudden illness patients. ii. Maternity admissions and suspected coronary cases (unless there is a clear indication to the contrary—e.g. that an ambulance is not required until a specified later time). iii. Any other type of patient for whom emergency procedure is necessary.
b)	<p>Urgent journey: All other emergency calls (Category B) that are not classified as life threatening, where an ambulance/transportation is ordered for patients by a clinician (doctor, dentist or midwife) on an urgent basis and a definite time limit is imposed. An urgent journey makes similar demands on the ambulance service to those made by an emergency journey, in that a vehicle and crew must be deployed quickly, although not necessarily immediately, to collect a patient perhaps seriously ill, on the advice of a doctor for admission to hospital.</p>
-	<p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Maternity admissions not given emergency priority. ii. Admissions to a hospital bed (including day care admissions and inter-hospital transfers) for which the doctor has given a specified time, e.g. within one hour.
-	<p>Excludes:</p> <p>Urgent transfer requests which after interrogation are treated as emergency calls with the agreement of the caller.</p>
e)	<p>Special journey: any non-emergency journey where punctuality is especially important.</p>

-	<p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Special treatment and consultant appointmentsii. Patients who have to be taken to, or met from, trainsiii. Patients likely to be particularly distressed by unpunctuality
d)	<p>Planned journey: all other journeys. This is the lowest category of priority for non-emergency journeys.</p>

Percentile Time Values

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See [Ambulance Service](#)

Priority of Journey

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See [Patient Journey](#)

Response Time

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See [Ambulance Service](#)

Special Journey

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See [Patient Journey](#)

Urgent Journey

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See [Patient Journey](#)

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