

<b>Subject(s):</b>	<i>Priority Type (New Patients)</i>
<b>Approval Status:</b>	<i>This DDCN was approved by the DSCN Sub-Group on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014</i>
<b>Data Dictionary Version:</b>	<p><i>Where applicable, this DDCN reflects changes introduced by DDCN and/or DSCN since the release of version 4.4 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.</i></p> <p><i>The changes introduced by such DDCNs will be published in version 4.5 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary</i></p>
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<b>Relevant DSCN(s):</b>	<i><a href="#">DSCN (2008) 10 (W)</a></i>

## Reason for Change

On 1st April 2009, the data item 'First Attendance' was retired from the Outpatient Data Set and replaced with the data item 'Attendance Category' via DSCN (2008) 10 (W). The reason for this change was to reflect the inclusion of Pre-Operative Assessment Attendances in the data set.

There was a dependency between the data items 'First Attendance' and 'Priority Type (New Patients)' which was not taken into account in 2009 when the data item changed to 'Attendance Category', this purpose of this DDSN is to retrospectively update the definition for Priority Type (New Patients).

## Description of Change

To update the data item 'Priority Type' and its associated definition.

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**Section1: 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.

<b>Data Definition Type</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>New / Retired / Changed</b>	<b>Page Number</b>
Data Item	Priority Type (New Patients)	Changed	3

## **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.

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### **Changes to Data Items (A-Z)**

#### **Priority Type (New Patients)**

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

<b>Data Set / Collection</b>	<b>Valid From</b>	<b>Valid To</b>
EAL ds	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2012
OP ds	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	

This is the priority of a request for services and is to be recorded for a new **attendances only** patient, that is, where 'Attendance Category' First Attendance = 1. In the case of services to be provided by a Consultant, it is as assessed by or on behalf of the Consultant.

For a Follow-up Attendance **or a Pre-Operative Assessment Attendance**, Priority Type must be blank.

Note: Priority Type can be defined more precisely if this is needed for local purposes, as long as the classifications can be mapped back to the national ones. Appointments which have been classified as 'soon' locally must be defined as 'Urgent' in the datasets.

Format: 1 digit numeric

<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	<b>Valid From</b>	<b>Valid To</b>
1	Routine	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	
2	Urgent	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	

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You can find changes made to the NHS Wales Informatics Service Data Dictionary via the following link: <http://www.datadictionary.wales.nhs.uk/>