

Subject(s):	<i>OPCS Version Release History</i>
Approval Status:	<i>This DDCN was approved by the Welsh Information Standards Board on the 18th September 2014</i>
Data Dictionary Version:	<p><i>Where applicable, this DDCN reflects changes introduced by DDCN and/or DSCN since the release of version 4.5 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.</i></p> <p><i>The changes introduced by such DDCNs will be published in version 4.6 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.</i></p>
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Reason for Change

Office of Population Censuses and Surveys (OPCS) is a statistical classification which translates operations and surgical procedures into codes. Users of OPCS data such as the NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS), the Health and Statistics Unit (HSA), and Welsh Government, will need to modify their analyses and any associated publications to reflect changes introduced by OPCS version release cycles.

The release of OPCS combined codes and titles, metadata file for the Service and NHS system suppliers, and Tables of Equivalences between versions for analysis purposes, are available via the Technology Reference Data Update Distribution (TRUD) Service. TRUD is subject to registration and acceptance of terms and conditions and can be accessed via the following link:

<https://isd.hscic.gov.uk/trud3>

Description of Change

To introduce an OPCS Version Release History with validity dates for applicable data items.

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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.

Data Definition Type	Name	New / Retired / Changed	Page Number
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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.

- a) Changes to existing data items

Primary OPCS 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	1 st April 1999	
OP ds	1 st April 1999	

The primary intervention / procedure performed on a patient at a particular time, during the relevant episode, as determined by the responsible Consultant or Independent Nurse.

Different versions of OPCS-4 apply dependant on the episode end date (Admitted Patient Care data set) or attendance date (outpatient data set) of the submitted record. The valid versions of OPCS-4 allowable in Wales are as follows:

OPCS Version	Valid From	Valid To
OPCS 4.2		31st March 2006
OPCS 4.3	1st April 2006	30th September 2007
OPCS 4.4	1st October 2007	31st March 2009
OPCS 4.5	1st April 2009	31st March 2011
OPCS 4.6	1st April 2011	31st March 2012
OPCS 4.7	1st April 2014	

Format: 4 character alpha-numeric

Value	Meaning
ANNN	See OPCS Classification of Interventions and Procedures, Fourth Revision (Version 4).
Spaces	No procedure performed or episode not coded.

Listing of all current OPCS codes and descriptions can be found from the Reference Data site via the following link:

<http://nrds.cymru.nhs.uk/NRDS2/Home.aspx> **(NHS Wales Users Only)**

Secondary OPCS 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	

The secondary intervention / procedure performed on a patient at a particular time, up to 12 operative procedures per episode.

Different versions of OPCS-4 apply dependant on the episode end date (Admitted Patient Care data set) or attendance date (outpatient data set) of the submitted record. The valid versions of OPCS-4 allowable in Wales are as follows:

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<http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/286/page/39262> (NHS Wales Users Only)

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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/>