

**DSC Notice: 10/2001 (W)**

Date of Issue: October 2001

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| <b>IRSS</b><br><b>Information Requirements and</b><br><b>Standards Sub Committee</b> | Subject: The Mandatory OPCS Coding of<br>OPD procedures and Elective Waiting Lists    |
|                                                                                      | Implementation date: starting in April 2001 with full<br>implementation by April 2002 |

**DATA SET CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE**

**This paper gives notification of changes to be included in the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.**

**Summary of change:**

Following the work of the Day Case Task Group sub group of the IRSS committee and an impact assessment it has been agreed that the optional coding status of OPD procedures in the OPD Mds will now be mandatory from April 2002.

This also includes the OPCS coding of all records held on the Elective Waiting Lists following the recommendations of the Innovations of Care Programme in Wales.

This DSCN will allow Trusts a roll in implementation commencing from September 2001 leading to full implementation of the DSCN change no later than April 2002.

**Change Proposal**  
**Reference No:**  
**DCTG/01/w**

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## DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE 10/2001 (W)

**Reference:** 10/2001(W)

**Version No:** 1

**Subject:** Mandatory OPCS Procedure Coding on OPD mds and Elective Admission Lists

**Type of Change:** The current OPD mds allows OPCS procedure coding fields to be optional this DSCN now changes the status of these fields to mandatory.

**Reason for Change:** Following the recommendations of the Day Case task group which, recognised the need to accurately code procedures undertaken in the out patient areas in line with changes in clinical care and delivery.

The coding of procedures on the elective waiting lists will allow for more health and resource planning at Trust, Health Authority and National levels.

**Effective Date:** April 2002

**Effect on NHS Data Dictionary:** The out patient minimum data and elective admission list in Version 2.3 will reflect the changes to status of the coding fields.