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WIGSB Welsh Information Governance and Standards Board	Subject: Data Standards: 'Marital Status'.
	Implementation date: 1 st November 2006

DATA SET CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE

Summary of change:

Changes to the data item 'Marital Status' to bring the Welsh definition in line with the definition in England:-

DSCN 16/2005: To re-introduce the value '9' Not Known

DSCN 12/2006: To allow for the recording of Civil Partnerships and amend current values to comply with the Government Data Standards Catalogue

This change will be incorporated into version 2.13 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

<i>Change Proposal Reference No:</i> <i>WIGSB 20060920/01</i>
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Document Control

Version:	Created on:	Owner	Details:
0.1	17/07/06	Jen Evans	Initial draft for review
0.2	02/08/06	Jen Evans	Amendments following first review:- <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Align dates of Marital Status under Appendix A2. Add note about introduction of 'retired' and 'commencement' dates
1.0	10/10/06	Jen Evans	Welsh reference assigned following approval by WIGSB

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Reason of Change: To bring the Welsh definition in line with England

Background:

1) NHS England DSCN 16/2005 announced enhancements to the definition of data item 'Marital Status'. It was designed primarily to allow for the mandatory reporting of marital status for England's Mental Health Minimum Dataset. It was noticed that, although NHS Wales does not have a Mental Health MDS, current NHS Wales definitions for 'Marital Status' did not cater for reporting the data item where the marital status could not be determined. For this reason, it was decided to introduce the value of "9 – Not Known" to the NHS Wales data item 'Marital Status'. In addition, this change re-aligns the Welsh definition with that of England.

2) In December 2005 the Civil Partnership Act 2004 came into force enabling same-sex couples to obtain legal recognition in their relationship, DSCN 12/2006 introduces a new value to identify civil partnerships.

The e-Government Interoperability Framework (e-GIF) mandates the adoption of XML. A key element in the development of XML schemas is an agreed set of data standards. The Government Data Standards Catalogue (GDSC) sets data standards to be used in the schemas and other interchange processes Catalogue.

From October 2006 the English Commissioning Data Sets will be submitted in XML format. This DSCN declares the new values for the data item Marital Status to comply with the [GDSC](#).

Impact within NHS Wales:

In order for cross border information flows to remain compatible, these new values must be introduced for use by NHS Wales. These new values will be used by NHS England from October 2006 and are already in place by NHS Scotland.

Changes to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary:

Appendix A details the changes to the data item 'Marital Status'

Please note, additional information concerning the start and end dates of values for a data item will be shown

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Appendix A –Changes to Marital Status

The shaded text is a copy of the definition for Marital Status as currently held in the NHS Wales Data Dictionary. Changes to the definition as a result of this DSCN are highlighted in **red** to denote an addition, with deletions marked with a ~~strike through~~.

Deleted values will remaining in the definition but will be marked with a ~~strike through~~ and with the date of deletion shown.

Marital Status

(APC ds99 – Mandatory for Psychiatric Patients Only)

Only collected for patients under the care of a consultant in a psychiatric speciality. ~~This is the legal status of a patient in respect of marriage.~~ **This is the legal marital or civil status of a patient.**

Format: 1 ~~digit numeric~~ **character alpha-numeric**

Value	Meaning
1	Single
1	Single (Retired 01/11/2006)
S	Single (Commenced 01/11/2006)
2	Married/separated
2	Married/separated (Retired 01/11/2006)
M	Married/Civil Partner (Commenced 01/11/2006)
3	Divorced
3	Divorced (Retired 01/11/2006)
D	Divorced/Person whose Civil Partnership has been dissolved (Commenced 01/11/2006)
4	Widowed
4	Widowed (Retired 01/11/2006)
W	Widowed/Surviving Civil Partner (Commenced 01/11/2006)

- P** *Separated (Commenced 01/11/2006)*
- N** *Not disclosed (Commenced 01/11/2006)*
- 8 Not applicable (i.e. not a psychiatric episode)
- 9** *Not Known (Commenced 01/11/2006)*