WIGSB **Welsh Information Governance and Standards Board**	**Subject: Referral to Treatment: Changes to 'Outcome of Attendance' codes and the introduction of the Term 'National Pathway Identifier'**
	Implementation date: 1st April 2007

DATASET CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE

Summary of change: To introduce three new 'Outcome of Attendance' codes and retire the existing codes within the Data Item and introduce a new term for National Pathway Identifier.

These changes will appear in version 2.15 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary

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> ***2007021501***

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Subject: Referral to Treatment: Changes to 'Outcome of Attendance' codes
                        and the introduction of the Term 'National Pathway Identifier'

Reason for Change: To update the NHS Wales Data Dictionary with the new codes and
                        Term and inform NHS Wales of the meanings.

Effective Date: 1st April 2007

Background:

The First Minister and Minister for Health & Social Services issued a Cabinet Statement in March 2005, announcing a 26 week total wait target to be achieved by December 2009. This total waiting time is from receipt of primary care referral at the hospital through to initiation of treatment and will include the waiting time for diagnostic tests or therapies.

Currently, waiting times are reported separately in respect of the time from referral to the first outpatient appointment, the time to the inpatient or daycase treatment and the wait for certain diagnostic and therapy services. From 2009, there will be one measure of the total wait from referral through to treatment (RTT), including any wait for the diagnostic and therapy services.

To help in the delivery of this target, the 2009 Access Project Team have prepared the document *Delivering a 26 week Patient Pathway – an Implementation Framework*

The delivery of the 26 week pathway will require contributions from all parts of the NHS, Welsh Assembly Government and other bodies. The 2009 Access Project Team will continue to engage with all parts of the service to steer implementation.

The work of Informing Healthcare to deliver an integrated patient information system for Wales will not deliver the functionality to measure RTT times before the target date in 2009. Systems for measurement leading to an aggregate return are therefore required based on the existing technological infrastructure.

The standard is designed to ensure that the system for measurement against the RTT target is consistent and that data collected is comparable between organisations. The purpose of this data collection is to provide reporting against the 2009 Access target standard, of a maximum Referral to Treatment Time target of 26 weeks. This target refers to the treatment of all Welsh residents, whether treated in Wales or in England.

The target provides a measure which eliminates the current gaps into which a patient's pathway can fall, leading to long overall waits, hence a requirement to be able to identify each patient pathway uniquely both within and between organisations.

The approach used to identify and record the start and stop points has been developed from multiple directions. An approach has been sought which enables Trusts to record the necessary events electronically, and within existing systems wherever possible.

The need for a national unique pathway identifier and the additional codes for 'Outcome of Attendance' were approved at WIGSB in January 2007.

Further guidance the data collection associated with this DSCN can be found in WHC(2007) 014.

Changes:

The Data Items and Terms linked to this change can be found in Appendix A.

Changes to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary are to be found in the Appendix B.

The New Term can be found in Appendix C.

The Data Items and Term as they will appear in the Data Dictionary can be found in Appendix D.

Appendix A: Data Items and Terms linked to this Change.

The following table shows all Data Items and Terms that are linked with the changes documented within this DSCN.

Data Items and Terms Linked to Change		
New	**Changed**	**Not affected**
National Pathway Identifier	Outcome of Attendance	NHS Number
		Clinical Referral Date
		Main Specialty (Consultant)
		Organisation Code

Appendix B: Proposed changes

Changes to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary are detailed below, with new text being highlighted in **blue** and deletions are shown with a ~~strikethrough.~~

Data Item

Outcome of Attendance
(OP mds)

This records the outcome of the ~~Outpatient~~ Attendance:

Format: 1 digit numeric

Value	Meaning	Status
~~1~~	~~Discharged from Consultant care (last attendance) or Independent Nurse~~	
1	*Discharged from Consultant care (last attendance) or Independent Nurse*	*Retired 31st March 2007*
~~2~~	~~Another appointment given~~	
2	*Another appointment given*	*Retired 31st March 2007*
~~3~~	~~Appointment to be made at a later date~~	
3	*Appointment to be made at a later date*	*Retired 31st March 2007*
4	**Referral to Treatment Period Start Point**	**Commenced 1st April 2007**
5	**Referral to Treatment Period Stop Point**	**Commenced 1st April 2007**
6	**Referral to Treatment Continuation of Status**	**Commenced 1st April 2007**

The full definitions and implementation guidance for these new codes are the responsibility of the Access 2009 Project. Implementation guidelines can be found in WHC (2006) 081, with further guidance being issued under subsequent WHCs.

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Appendix C: New Term

Term

National Pathway Identifier (NPI)

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A patient pathway may include multiple clock start and clock stop points.

The NPI will remain the same throughout the patient pathway.

The NPI is derived by joining the following data items together in the following order:

NHS Number – 10 digit numeric
Clinical Referral Date (Outpatient mds) – 8 digit numeric
Main Specialty (Consultant) – 3 digit numeric
Organisation code (Originating Provider) – 3 digit alpha-numeric

(These Data Items will appear as links in the dictionary)

Format: 24 character alpha-numeric

Example:

NNNNNNNNNNCCYYMMDDSSSXAA – 123456789020070401100RQF

Appendix D: Data Items and Term as they will appear in the Data Dictionary.

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