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WIGSB Welsh Information Governance and Standards Board	Subject: To update the NHS Wales Data Dictionary with the format change to the GMC, GDC and Practice codes.
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DATA SET CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE

Summary of change:

This DSCN will bring the NHS Wales Data Dictionary page concerning General Medical Council (GMC) and General Dental Council (GDC) codes up to date and in line with the latest code format. This will also include adding Data Items, General Dental Practitioner (GDP) and Dental Practice Code.

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DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE (2007) 02 (W)

Reference: WIGSB 2007021502

Subject: GDC and GMC codes

Reason for Change: To update the information regarding the GMC/GDC codes

Effective Date: 1st March 2007

Background:

The GMC and GDC codes have undergone changes over the past few years to keep up to date with the growing numbers of members and to make the reporting of codes available in a standardised format. This means that some of the older formats may still be used as historical data but the NHS Wales Data Dictionary needs to reflect the new coding standards.

Changes:

The GMC codes have been changed from alpha-numeric to a 7 digit numeric format.

The GDC codes for Dentists have changed from a 5 to 6 digit numeric code for newly registered members. Dentists who are registered with a 5 digit numeric code will remain registered with this code. Temporary registered dentists will have a 5 digit code issued until they apply for full registration when they will be issued with a 6 digit code. All Dental Care Professionals when registering from July 2006 will have a 6-digit numeric code and all those who presently have an alpha-numeric code will keep the numeric part of their code only.

To enable this new information to be seen in a more understandable format, the current definition of the data item GMC/GDC Registration Number will be removed and replaced with two new pages, one showing a definition of the GMC registration number and one to show a definition of the GDC registration number. Details of these changes to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary can be found in Appendix B and C.

The data items General Dental Practitioners (GDP) and Dental Practice Code used for Dental referrals are at present not explained within the NHS Wales Data Dictionary. The inclusion of these pages in the Data Dictionary will provide links to ensure the correct pathway of patient referrals, from Dentist and Dental Practitioners will be recorded and reported on accurately. The explanation of these data items will assist in their use in the minimum datasets, for 'Referrer Code' and 'Referring Organisation Code'.

The way the Dental Practice code is derived has been changed. The format itself has not changed but from April 1st 2006 all dental surgery locations have been issued a 'Practice' code which relates to the location rather than the individual Dentist as was the previous practice. This means that all Trusts must refresh their locally held tables with the new codes. The complete file is available from the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) web site or via Health

Solution Wales. The file of new codes first became available from 1st November 2006 and all Trusts are expected to supply these codes from 1st March 2007. .

NACS web address <http://nww.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/nacs>

Individual details can be found on the web page set up on Howis within the Reference Data site.

Howis web address <http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/home.cfm?OrgID=286>

Data Items and Terms Linked to Change can be found in Appendix A

Details of Changes to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary can be found in Appendix B.

Details of the additional data items to be included in the NHS Wales Data Dictionary can be found in Appendix C.

Data Items and Terms as they will appear in the Data Dictionary can be found in Appendix D

Appendix A: Data Items and Terms Linked to Changes.

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
Dental Practice Code	Consultant Code	Code Of Commissioner
GDC Registration Number	GMC/GDC Registration Number	GP Practice Code
GDP Registration Number		Independent Nurse
GMC Registration Number		Organisation Codes
		Provider Code
		Referrer Code
		Referring 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 marked with a ~~strikethrough~~.

GMC/GDC Registration Number **(General/~~SBH50-59a~~)**

The registration number as shown on the certificate of registration. Should the registration number not be available from the records held, reference should be made to the medical (or dental) register in respect of fully registered practitioners.

Format: 7 character alpha-numeric. The first box is always filled, this character can be alpha or numeric. The remainder is filled with 4, 5 or 6 numeric digits, justified right.

Value	Meaning
XNNNNNN	GMC Code for fully or provisionally registered medical practitioner.
LNNNNNN	Code for limited registered doctor. (Note: the first two digits will normally be the year in which limited registration was granted)

For Dental Practitioners:-

DD/NNNNN*	Code for fully registered dental practitioner.
DD//NNNN*	Code for temporarily registered dental practitioner.

NB: For those dental practitioners who also hold medical registration the GMC number should be entered.

1. ~~For the central returns insert a space instead of "/". If recording on computer, "/" must be inserted for each space.~~

Structure:

1. ~~For GMC/GDC Registration Numbers generated prior to 2000:-~~

Previously the full 7 digit code for a fully or provisionally registered medical practitioner included a check digit as the final character.

The check digit was calculated as follows, this is for information only :— first character

+ 3xsecond character

+ 7xthird character

+ 1xfourth character

+ 3xfifth character

+ 7xsixth character

The check digit is then the unit digit (last digit) of the result of this calculation:

e.g. GMC code 3214213. Check digit is computed by:

$$3 + (3 \times 2) + (7 \times 1) + 4 + (3 \times 2) + (7 \times 1) = 33$$

The check digit is 3, so this is a valid code.

2) GMC/GDC Registration Numbers generated following the LR (limited registration) and FPR (full/provisional registration) code format changes (late 2000), there is no calculation of a check digit.

Format: Xnnnnnnn, where nnnnnnn is the complete reference number

Consultant Code

(APC ds99/ EAL mds/ General/ OP mds)

Nationally agreed form for consultant code or Independent Nurse. It is the **General Medical Council (GMC)** code for the Consultant or the GP acting as a Consultant or locum Consultant, which is the unique identifier. The nurse's Registration Number will be used to identify the Independent Nurse.

Format: 8 character alpha-numeric

Value	Meaning
XXXXXXXX	Consultant code based upon General Medical Council registration number. The first character of the code is usually a 'C'. The 2nd to 8th characters are the GMC registration number.
DDNNNNNN DD/NNNNN	For Dental Consultants who have not been registered with the GMC the General Dental Council (GDC) number has to be used. (The slash character represents a space. The slash must not be used in data for central returns)
C9999998	For NHS patients treated overseas, if the overseas doctor does not have a GMC code.
M9999998	Midwife-led Activity If the patient episode is under the direct care of a Midwife the default Consultant Code must be M9999998 and the Treatment Function Code must be '560'. See Appendix A For OP mds only:-
YYYYYYYY	<u>Independent Nurse</u> The Nurse's Registration Number is used to record nurse-led activity in an Outpatients environment by an <u>Independent Nurse</u> .

~~If the patient episode is under the direct care of a Midwife the default Consultant Code must be M9999998 and the Treatment Function Code must be '560'. See [Appendix A](#)~~

For Dental Consultants who have not been registered with the GMC the Dentists Practice Board number has to be used prefixed with DD.

See [GMC/GDC Registration Number](#)

For NHS patients treated overseas, if the overseas doctor does not have a GMC code the default code of C9999998 can be used.

For OP mds, the Nurse's Registration Number is used to record nurse led activity in an Outpatients environment by an [Independent Nurse](#).

See GDC Registration Number

See GMC Registration Number

Referring Organisation Code

(APC ds99/ EAL mds/ OP mds)

The code of the organisation of the General Medical Practitioner (GMP), or General Dental Practitioner (GDP), or Consultant or Independent Nurse making the referral. This information is essential for managing contracts which are based on patterns of referral.

Format: 6 character alpha-numeric

Where a five character Organisation Code is used, it should be left justified and padded with a space.

Default codes:

Value	Meaning
X99998	Organisation code not applicable

See [Organisation Code](#)

See [GP Practice Code](#)

See [Dental Practice Code](#)

Appendix C: New Data Items to be included within the Data Dictionary

GMC Registration Number

(General/ SBH50-59a)

General Medical Council – GMC

The registration number as shown on the certificate of registration, for both Doctors and Dental Surgeons. This is to be used as the numeric part of the consultant code in central return minimum datasets.

Format: 7 character numeric

Value

Meaning

NNNNNNN

GMC Code for fully registered Dental Surgeons and fully, provisionally or limited registered Doctors.

These codes can be checked by visiting the GMC website: www.gmc-uk.org

See [Consultant Code](#)

See [GDC Registration Number](#)

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GDC Registration Number

(General/ SBH50-59a)

General Dental Council – GDC

The registration number as shown on the certificate of registration for a Dentist or Dental Care Professional.

Format: 8 character alpha-numeric

For Dental Practitioners:-

DDNNNNNN Code for fully registered Dentist or Dental Care Professional.

DD/NNNNN Code for fully registered or temporarily registered dentist. **(The slash character represents a space. The slash must not be used in data for central returns)**

NB: For those dental surgeons who also hold medical registration, the GMC number should be entered in all central returns.

The first two characters are always filled with the prefix DD, the remainder is filled with 5 or 6 numeric digits of the GDC number, justified right. If any spaces are left these must not include the slash on central returns.

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See GMC Registration Number

GDP Registration Number (General)

General Dental Practitioner – GDP

A qualified dental practitioner registered with the General Dental Council and issued with a Practitioner identifier by the NHSBSA Dental Practice Division (DPD). This code is used as the 'Referrer Code' for referrals made to the Trust.

Format: 8 character alpha-numeric

Value

Meaning

DNNNNNNN

A code issued by the NHSBSA Dental Practice Division (DPD) for practising GDP's in Wales and England. The codes are available from the Information Products Unit of HSW or via the Intranet service HOWIS

Structure

Each GDP code begins with the letter D.

The 2nd to 7th characters are the DPD Practitioner Identifier and the eighth character is a check digit. Check digits are obtained using the 137137 algorithm as follows:

First numeric character

+ 3 times second (numeric) character

+ 7 times third character

+ fourth numeric character

+ 3 times fifth character

+ 7 times sixth character

The check digit is then the unit digit of the result of this calculation. For example, if a DPD is 334512, then the check digit is computed by:

$3 + 3*3 + 7*4 + 5 + 3*1 + 7*2 = 62$ - the check digit is 2 and the full code would be: D3345122

[See Referrer Code](#)

[See GDC Registration Number](#)

Dental Practice Code (General)

The code described by NACS as a Dental Practice Code identifies an individual dental practice location. This code should be used as the 'Referring Organisation Code' for referrals made to the Trust.

Format: 6 character Alpha-numeric

The first character is set as a V

Characters 2 to 6 are the last 5 digits of the Location ID taken from a Provider Dentist Contract number.

VXXXXX

See [Referring Organisation Code](#)

Historical Structure (For information only) pre April 1st 2006:

The first character is set as a V

Characters 2 to 6 are the same as the first 5 numeric digits in the General Dental Practitioner code.

General Dental Practitioner Code = D1234567

Practice Code = V12345

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