

WELSH INFORMATION GOVERNANCE & STANDARDS BOARD

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Ministerial / Official Letter:	Subject: Annual Community Health Returns: KC55, KC57, KH14
Sponsor: Health Statistics & Analysis Unit, Welsh Assembly Government	
Implementation Date: Immediate	

DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE

A Data Set Change Notice (DSCN) is an information mandate for a new or revised information standard.

This DSCN was approved by the Welsh Information Governance and Standards Board (WIGSB) on the 21st October 2010

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Summary:

To retire the following annual statistical community health returns:

- KC55: Health Visitors, District Nurses & Other Community Nurses
- KC57: Community Psychiatric Nurses (CPNs) and Community Learning Disability Nurses (CLDNs)
- KH14: NHS Day Care

Data sets / returns affected:

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Introduction

Following consultation by the Statistical Directorate in the Welsh Assembly Government the following returns have been retired:

Community Nursing returns, KC55 and KC57: these returns were established with the purpose of monitoring the advice and support given by Health Visitors, District Nurses and other community nurses (KC55) and by Community Psychiatric Nurses (CPNs) and Community Learning Disability Nurses (CLDNs) (KC57) by recording information on face to face contacts with patients.

NHS Day care facilities, KH14: this return was established with the purpose of monitoring NHS day care facilities by recording information on first and total attendances for regular day attenders and patients using a bed by speciality.

These annual community returns were developed in the 1980s as part of the original set of Körner returns aimed at capturing standardised datasets across the NHS. They have been reviewed in Wales a number of times during the 1990s and 2000s with a view to improving the data collected and reducing the burden on data providers. However, concerns have grown over the years that:

- the mechanism utilised by the community nursing returns to measure activity, counting “face-to-face contacts” with community nurses, does not reflect activity as a whole;
- measuring activity processes does not provide an adequate view of the clinical outcome(s) for patients;
- the returns do not reflect current service configuration.

In England the equivalent community nursing returns were discontinued in 2004 and KH14 was discontinued in 2003.

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Data Dictionary Version

The ‘Körner Returns’ content of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary is currently under review. A future DSCN will reflect the cessation of Community Health Returns.

Actions Required

Action for Local Health Boards / Trusts:

1. Discontinue the reporting of KC55, KC57 and KH14 with effect from 2010/11. Current data submissions for 2009-10 should be completed but no data for 2010-11 or subsequent years are required to be reported to Health Statistics and Analysis Unit.

Actions for Health Statistics and Analysis Unit (WAG):

1. Discontinue the collection and publication of KC55, KC57 and KH14 data.
2. Collate and feedback data already reported for 2009-10 to Local Health Boards