

## WELSH INFORMATION STANDARDS BOARD

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### 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 Standards Board (WISB) at its meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

**WISB Reference:** ISRN 2014 / 012

#### Summary:

To extend the values associated with the data item 'Source of Referral' in the Outpatients and Outpatient Referral Data Set to identify referrals received from Optometrists.

#### Data sets / returns affected:

- Outpatient Data Set
- Outpatient Referral Data Set

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The Welsh Information Standards Board is responsible for appraising information standards. Submission documents and WISB Outcomes relating to the approval of this standard can be found at:

<http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/page.cfm?orgid=742&pid=24632>

## **DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE**

### Introduction

Together for Health: Eye Health Care Delivery Plan was launched by the Minister for Health and Social Services in September 2013. Current policy initiatives are aimed at shifting the treatment of patients from secondary care hospital eye services to treating them in primary care optometric practices whenever appropriate to do so.

Currently about 10% of all outpatients in hospitals are seen in ophthalmology and optometrists refer most of them. However, currently there is no way to measure if these policies are working because referrals from optometrists to ophthalmology are not separately identified.

Capturing referrals, so that primary care optometrists could be separately identified as and when they make a referral into secondary care, would enable these policies to be developed further using evidenced based information.

The Outpatient Data Set may currently include referrals from Optometrists under the value '08 -Other'. These referrals should now be reported via the new value.

The Outpatient Referral Data Set has excluded reporting of '08 - Other' and therefore may not have captured referrals from Optometrists at all. As part of this DSCN we are removing the exclusion of '07 - Prosthetist' and '08 - Other' in order to capture referrals from all sources.

### Description of Change

- To include a new value in the data item 'Source of Referral: Outpatients' to identify referrals from Optometrists; and
- To remove current exclusions from the Outpatient Referral Data Set.

### Data Dictionary Version

Where applicable, this DSCN reflects changes introduced by DSCN and/or DDCN since the release of version 4.6 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

The changes introduced by such DSCNs will be published in version 4.7 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

### Actions Required

Actions for Local Health Boards / Trusts:

- Update local data collection processes within appropriate systems (e.g. PAS) to ensure the appropriate reporting of 'Source of Referral' codes within the Outpatient and Outpatient Referral data set.

Actions for the NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS):

- Update national data processing and validation services (e.g. NHS Wales Data Switching and Validation at Source services) to allow for the reporting of the revised values for 'Source of Referral', within the Outpatient and Outpatient Referral data set.
- Ensure all tools associated with the monitoring and reporting of outpatient and outpatient referral activity data validity (e.g. Outpatient Activity Data Validity

Performance Monitoring Report) fully reflect the code changes outlined within this DSCN

**Appendix A: Table reflecting areas that are impacted as a result of this DSCN**

The following table shows all applicable data sets, data items, terms and other associated areas that are linked with the changes documented within this DSCN.

Each data definition type is listed in alphabetical order and is shown in the sequence in which it appears in this DSCN.

<b>Data Definition Type</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>New/Retired/ Changed</b>	<b>Page Number</b>
Data Item (A-Z)	Source of Referral: Outpatients	Changed	5

## Appendix B: Highlighted changes to be made to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary

Changes to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary are detailed below, with new text being highlighted in **blue** and deletions are shown with a ~~strikethrough~~. The text shaded in **grey** shows existing text copied from the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

### Data Items (A-Z)

#### Source of Referral: Outpatients

This data item is / was included in the following data sets / collections between the dates shown:

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
OP ds	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	
OPR ds	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2008	

This is a classification which is used to identify the source of referral of each Outpatient Episode or Outpatient Referral.

Format: 2 character alpha-numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
Initiated by the Consultant or Independent Nurse responsible for the Outpatient episode			
01	Following an emergency admission	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	
02	Following a domiciliary visit	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	
10	Following an A&E attendance	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	
11	Other	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	
Not initiated by the Consultant or Independent Nurse responsible for the Outpatient episode			
03	Referral from General Medical Practitioner	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	
04	Referral from an A&E department	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	
05	Referral from a Consultant or Independent Nurse, other than in an A&E department	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	
06	Self-referral	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	
07**	Referral from Prosthetist	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	
08**	Other source of referral	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	
15	Referral from an Optometrist	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2014	
92	General Dental Practitioner	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	
93	Community Dental Service	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	

Note: The classification has been listed in logical sequence rather than numeric order.

~~\*\* those Source of Referrals which are to be excluded from the Outpatient Referrals Data Set~~