

WELSH INFORMATION STANDARDS BOARD

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DATA STANDARDS CHANGE NOTICE

A Data Standards 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 15th April 2021.

WISB Reference: ISRN 2021 / 007

Summary:

To retire the formal collection of information pertaining to Universal Mortality Reviews (UMR).

Data sets / returns affected:

Retirement of an Aggregate Proforma:
Deaths Subject to a Universal Mortality Review (UMR) ([DSCN 2017/10](#))

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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 STANDARDS CHANGE NOTICE

Introduction

In his report, published in June 2014, Professor Stephen Palmer, then Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health at Cardiff University, concluded Risk Adjusted Mortality Index (RAMI) data was not a reliable measure and could divert attention away from more meaningful approaches to measuring and improving hospital care. Professor Palmer recommended health boards used a wider range of performance indicators and metrics, specifically using the findings from national clinical audits and mortality case note reviews. Consequently, the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well-being and Sport took the decision to discontinue the quarterly publication of RAMI indicators for Welsh hospitals.

Following on from this decision, Welsh Government Planning, Delivery and Performance submitted a proposal for Velindre University NHS Trust and Health Boards in NHS Wales (excluding Powys THB) to collect information pertaining to Universal Mortality Reviews (UMR) and to submit this on a monthly basis, using the aggregate pro forma, to the Welsh Government Delivery & Performance Division.

This change was mandated through the Standard Deaths Subject to a Universal Mortality Review (UMR) ([DSCN 2017/10](#)).

Description of Change

To retire the Deaths Subject to a Universal Mortality Review (UMR) pro forma from 30th April 2021 (last submission for census data at 31st March 2021).

Welsh Government Planning, Delivery and Performance indicated that over the last 18 months a new process has been established for reviewing deaths with the introduction of medical examiners in Wales and the DSCN 2017/10 data collection is no longer relevant to this process.

Engagement has been conducted with the Welsh Government policy lead, the NHS Wales Delivery Unit and Health Boards and Trusts within NHS Wales and no objection has been raised to the retirement of the Standard.

Data Dictionary Version

Where applicable, this DSCN reflects changes introduced by DSCN and/or DDCN since the release of version 4.11 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

The changes introduced by such DSCNs will be published in version 4.12 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

Actions Required

Local Health Boards / Trust:

- To cease the formal submission of the Deaths Subject to a Universal Mortality Review (UMR) pro forma to Welsh Government.

Actions for the Welsh Government Delivery & Performance Division:

- To cease the formal reporting of the Deaths Subject to a Universal Mortality Review (UMR) pro forma.

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

The following table shows where there are changes to the scope and/or definitions of 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.

Data Definition Type	Name	New/Retired/Changed	Page Number
Aggregate Pro forma	Deaths Subject to a Universal Mortality Review (UMR)	Retired	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.

a) Changes to Aggregate Proforma

Note: Deaths Subject to a Universal Mortality Review (UMR) will be moved to the 'Retired Data Sets and Aggregate Data Collections' section of the Data Dictionary, with the following changes.

Deaths Subject to a Universal Mortality Review (UMR) (Retired)

Valid From: 1st April 2017

Valid To: 30th April 2021

Change History	
DSCN 2021 / 17	Deaths Subject to a Universal Mortality Review (UMR) - Retirement
DSCN 2017 / 10	Deaths Subject to a Universal Mortality Review (UMR)

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Return Submission Details (Retired)

Velindre NHS Trust and Health Boards (excluding Powys THB) to provide one completed spreadsheet containing a breakdown for each acute hospital (as listed) on the pro forma.

All submissions should be e-mailed to the Welsh Government Delivery & Performance Division inbox at hssdg.performance@gov.wales

Forms are to be submitted at the end of the following month. Exact dates of submission, guidance notes and definitions for the completion of the form are included in the Definitions & Guidance provided in the pro forma.

Only case note reviews for deaths relating to adults should be included i.e. persons aged => 18 at the time of death. In addition, deaths relating to maternity which fall under treatment function codes *501 Obstetrics* and *560 Midwifery Service* should also be excluded.

Only admitted inpatient deaths should be included. In the future patients who die whilst in emergency departments may be included, but work is on-going as to how the use of UMRs in this area can be standardised. The latest version of each form is available on the Welsh Government's Performance Management Website:

<http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/407/home>

Any further queries regarding the data collection forms should be directed to the Delivery & Performance Division, Welsh Government, on 03000 258871, or e-mail:

hssdg.performance@gov.wales

Information Requirements (Retired)

This pro forma is designed to capture the length of time it has taken to undertake a Universal Mortality Review (UMR) following a death

For each acute hospital within the Health Board/NHS Trust it asks for the total number of deaths which have occurred during a month and then how many UMRs were undertaken within categorised time periods from the date of death.

1) Indicator

This is pre populated in the pro forma with the acute hospitals for the respective Health Board/NHS Trust area and monthly rows for the data.

2) Total number of deaths which occurred during the month

This is a count of the number of deaths that occurred during the reporting period irrespective of when the UMR was undertaken.

3) Of the deaths which occurred during the month, how many UMRs for these deaths were undertaken

- a. Up to and including 7 days from the date of death**
- b. 8 days and over and up to and including 28 days from the date of death**
- c. 29 days and over and up to and including 56 days from the date of death**
- d. 57 days and over and up to and including 84 days from the date of death**
- e. 85 days and over from the date of death**

This is the count of UMRs undertaken during the reporting period split by the number of days from the date of death that the Review was undertaken.

Because a UMR for a death which occurred in one reporting month may not be undertaken until, for example, 2 months after the death then organisations will be required to back populate previous months' data when submitting data for the current period (see working example below).

4) Total number of UMRs undertaken for the deaths that occurred during the month

This is auto calculated as a sum of the data entered for points 3a to 3e (see above) for the respective reporting period.

5) Percentage of UMRs undertaken within 28 days for deaths which occurred during the month

This percentage is auto calculated and is based on the sum of data in points 3a and 3b (see above) divided by the Total Number of Deaths which Occurred During the Month for the respective reporting period.

6) Percentage of UMRs undertaken for deaths which occurred during the month, irrespective of when the UMR was undertaken

This percentage is auto calculated and is based on a division of Total Number of UMRs Undertaken for the Deaths that Occurred During the Month by the Total Number of Deaths which Occurred During the Month for the respective reporting period.

Working example

Note that the screen shots below only display the relevant columns referenced in the working examples and do not represent all columns present in the pro forma.

3 deaths occurred in April 2017, therefore 3 would be entered for the relevant month under Total Number of Deaths which Occurred During the Month

Patient A died on 1st April 2017 – UMR completed on the 3rd April 2017
 Patient B died on 2nd April 2017 – UMR completed on the 23rd April 2017
 Patient C died on 30th April 2017 – UMR completed on the 1st June 2017

April data submission (due to be sent to WG by 31st May 2017)

Universal Case Note Mortality Reviews - Completion of Universal Mortality Reviews (UMRs) - Monthly Submission Proforma

Indicator	Total number of deaths which occurred during the month [monthly count]	Of the deaths which occurred during the month (column E), how many UMRs for these deaths were undertaken:		Total number of UMRs undertaken for the deaths that occurred during the month [rolling total]	Percentage of UMRs undertaken within 28 days for deaths which occurred during the month	Percentage of UMRs undertaken for deaths which occurred during the month, irrespective of when the UMR was undertaken
		Up to and including 7 days from the date of death	8 days and over and up to and including 28 days from the date of death			
1a Hospital A	Apr-17	3	1	2	66.7%	66.7%
	May-17			0		
	Jun-17			0		
	Jul-17			0		
	Aug-17			0		
	Sep-17			0		
	Oct-17			0		

June data submission (due to be sent to WG by 31st July 2017)

Universal Case Note Mortality Reviews - Completion of Universal Mortality Reviews (UMRs) - Monthly Submission Prof(r)ma

Indicator	Total number of deaths which occurred during the month [monthly count]	Of the deaths which occurred during the month (column E), how many UMRs for these deaths were undertaken:			Total number of UMRs undertaken for the deaths that occurred during the month [rolling total]	Percentage of UMRs undertaken within 28 days for deaths which occurred during the month	Percentage of UMRs undertaken for deaths which occurred during the month, irrespective of when the UMR was undertaken
		Up to and including 7 days from the date of death	8 days and over and up to and including 28 days from the date of death	29 days and over and up to and including 56 days from the date of death (approx. 1 - 2 months)			
1a Hospital A	Apr-17	3	1	1	3	66.7%	100.0%
	May-17				0		
	Jun-17				0		
	Jul-17				0		
	Aug-17				0		
	Sep-17				0		
	Oct-17				0		

Note – the Total Number of UMRs Undertaken for the Deaths that Occurred During the Month cannot be more than the Total Number of Deaths which Occurred During the Month. If this occurs, the relevant cell in the Total Number of UMRs Undertaken for the Deaths that Occurred During the Month will be highlighted in red indicating that an error has occurred and therefore must be corrected before submission.