

WELSH INFORMATION STANDARDS BOARD

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Welsh Health Circular/Official Letter: None	Subject: Admitted Patient Care Data Set – Legal Status Retirement
Sponsor: Lesley Law, Delivery & Performance Division, Welsh Government	
Implementation Date: 1st January 2023	

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 **Thursday 15th December 2022.**

WISB Reference: ISRN 2022 / 044

Summary:

The retirement of data item Legal Status from the Admitted Patient Care data set.

Data sets / returns affected:

Admitted Patient Care Data Set (APC Ds)

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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:

https://nhswales365.sharepoint.com/sites/DHC_DST/Lists/Information%20Standards%20Assurance%20Submission%20Log/AllItems.aspx

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Introduction

The primary purpose of the Admitted Patient Care (APC) data set is to provide activity figures for admitted care. However, this data set is also used to calculate waiting times for admitted care.

The Legal Status data item under the APC data set was identified for investigation via the IQI working group review process. Issues had previously been raised regarding the variation between the English and Welsh standard legal status values along with needing clarity on reporting of the value in APC. Analysis on usage of the data item showed that majority of Health Boards were not utilising the full list of values and was noted that the item is planned to be part of the upcoming Mental Health data set due to go live in FY 2023/24. The IQI group therefore questioned if the data item should be retired from Admitted Patient Care data set.

Upon receiving written confirmation from all Health Boards that they are happy for this item to be retired, approval was requested from WG.

It has been confirmed that this information is not currently used for any national and local reporting.

Description of Change

This DSCN officially retires the data item Legal Status from the Admitted Patient Care data set.

Data Dictionary Version

Where applicable, this DSCN reflects changes introduced by DSCN and/or DDCN since the release of version 4.16 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

The changes introduced by such DSCNs will be published in version 4.17 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

Actions Required

Actions for Local Health Boards / Trusts:

- Duration of Legal Status field to be populated with spaces to the length format (i.e. two spaces) in the APC data submission with effect from 1st January 2023 (i.e. to be applied to data submitted in February 2023)

Actions for Digital Health and Care Wales:

- Remove the following VASS checks:
 - 50612: Legal Status vs. Specialty (of Treatment)
 - 50114: Legal Status
- Remove the entries in Data Validity and Consistency Reports relating to the above VASS checks.

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
Data Set	Admitted Patient Care Data Set (APC Ds)	Changed	5
Data Item	Legal Status	Retired	8

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.

Admitted Patient Care Data Set (APC Ds)

Data Set Structure

Rating 1=mandatory 2=optional		PEDW data item	Format/length
1	Record Id		an1
	CONTRACT DETAILS		
1	Organisation Code (Code of Provider)	Yes	an5
1	Organisation Code (Code of Commissioner)	Yes	an5
1	Commissioning Serial Number	Yes	an6
1	Commissioners Reference Number		an17
	PATIENT DETAILS		
1	NHS Number	Yes	n10
1	NHS Number Status Indicator	Yes	n2
1	Patient's name	Yes	an70 or structured name with 2 an35 elements
1	Name Format Code	Yes	n1
1	Patient's Usual Address	Yes	an175 (5 lines each an35)
1	Postcode of Usual Address	Yes	an8
1	Organisation Code (LHB Area of Residence)		an3
1	Sex	Yes	n1
1	Marital Status (Mandatory for Psychiatric Patients)	Yes	an1
1	Birth Date	Yes	ccyymmdd
1	Birth Date Status	Yes	n1
1	General Medical Practitioner (code of registered GMP) *	Yes	an8
1	Local Patient Identifier	Yes	an10
1	Ethnic Group	Yes	an2

1	Legal Status Classification	Yes	n2 – Legal Status Classification and Administrative Category replaced Category of Patient in April 1999
	REFERRAL DETAILS		
1	Referrer Code	Yes	an8
1	Referring Organisation Code	Yes	an6
	PROVIDER SPELL DETAILS		
1	Hospital Provider Spell Number	Yes	an12
1	Administrative Category	Yes	n2 - Legal Status Classification and
1	Decision to Admit Date	Yes	ccyymmdd
1	Decision to Admit Date Status	Yes	n1
1	Start Date (Hospital Provider Spell)	Yes	ccyymmdd
1	Admission Method (Hospital Provider Spell)	Yes	n2
1	Duration of Elective Wait	Yes	n4
1	Intended Management	Yes	n1
1	Source of Admission (Hospital Provider Spell)	Yes	n2
1	Discharge Date (Hospital Provider Spell)	Yes	ccyymmdd
1	Discharge Date Status	Yes	n1
1	Discharge Method (Hospital Provider Spell)	Yes	n1
1	Discharge Destination (Hospital Provider Spell)	Yes	n2
1	Patient Classification	Yes	n1
1	Healthcare Resource Group	Yes	an3 –Health Resource Group (HRG) replaced (DRG) in April 2000
	CONSULTANT EPISODE DETAILS		
1	Episode Number	Yes	n2
1	Last Episode in Spell Indicator		n1

1	Site Code (of treatment)	Yes	an5
1	Ward Type at Start of Episode	Yes	n7
1	Start Date (Consultant Episode)	Yes	ccyymmdd
1	End date (Consultant Episode)	Yes	ccyymmdd
1	End Date Status	Yes	n1
1	Main Specialty (consultant)		n3
1	Treatment Function Code	Yes	n3
1	Local Sub Specialty	Yes	an3
1	Consultant Code	Yes	an8
1	First Regular Day or Night Admission	Yes	n1
1	Neonatal Level of Care	Yes	n1
1	Psychiatric Patient Status	Yes	n1
	Diagnostic Codes		
	Mandatory ICD-10 diagnostic coding		
1	Primary (ICD)	Yes	an6
1	1st Secondary (ICD)	Yes	an6
1	2nd Secondary (ICD)	Yes	an6
1	3rd Secondary (ICD)	Yes	an6
1	4th Secondary (ICD)	Yes	an6
1	5th Secondary (ICD)		an6
1	6th Secondary (ICD)		an6
1	7th Secondary (ICD)		an6
1	8th Secondary (ICD)		an6
1	9th Secondary (ICD)		an6
1	10th Secondary (ICD)		an6
1	11th Secondary (ICD)		an6
1	12th Secondary (ICD)		an6
1	13th Secondary (ICD)		an6
1	Histological Diagnosis	Yes	an6
1	Source of Histological Diagnosis	Yes	n1
	Patient Procedure Codes		
1	Operation Status		n1

	Mandatory OPCS procedure coding (up to 12 Operative Procedures per episode)		
1	Primary Procedure (OPCS)	Yes	an4
1	Procedure Date	Yes	ccyymmdd
1	Procedure Date Status	Yes	n1
1	2nd Procedure (OPCS) - 12th Procedure (OPCS) items as for Primary Procedure (OPCS)	Yes (up to 4th procedure for PEDW)	an4
1	Record Type	Yes	n2
	PREGNANCY & DELIVERY DETAILS		
1	General Medical Practitioner (code of GMP responsible for Antenatal care)	Yes	an8
1	First Antenatal Assessment Date	Yes	ccyymmdd
1	First Antenatal Assessment Date Status	Yes	n1
1	Pregnancy : Total Previous Pregnancies	Yes	n2
1	Delivery Place Type (actual)	Yes	n1
1	Delivery Date		ccyymmdd
1	Delivery Place Type (intended)	Yes	n1
1	Delivery Place Change Reason	Yes	n1
1	Gestation Length	Yes	n2
1	Labour / Delivery Onset Method	Yes	n1
1	Delivery Method	Yes	n1
1	Status of Person Conducting Delivery	Yes	n1
1	Anaesthetic given during Labour/Delivery	Yes	n1
1	Anaesthetic given Post Labour/Delivery	Yes	n1
1	Number of Babies	Yes	n1
	Birth details (up to 6 births from one pregnancy)		

	1st Baby		
1	Sex	Yes	n1
1	Birth Order	Yes	n1
1	Live or Still Birth	Yes	n1
1	Birth Weight	Yes	n4
1	Resuscitation Method	Yes	n1
1	Birth Date (baby)	Yes	ccyymmdd
1	Birth Date (mother)		ccyymmdd
1	Birth Date Status (mother)		n1
	2nd Baby, 3rd Baby, 4th Baby, 5th Baby and 6th Baby : Items as 1st Baby		
	Waiting List Details		
1	Waiting List Date	Yes	ccyymmdd
1	Waiting List Date Status	Yes	n1
	GP Practice Details		
1	Code of Registered GP Practice	Yes	an6
	Time Details		
1	Start Time (Hospital Provider Spell)		hh:mm:ss
1	Discharge Time (Hospital Provider Spell)		hh:mm:ss
1	Start Time (Consultant Episode)		hh:mm:ss
1	End Time (Consultant Episode)		hh:mm:ss

* Where no data is present, the field must be populated with spaces due to the fixed field length format of the submitted file. However, if necessary 'General Medical Practitioner (Code of Registered GMP)' may still be included in the submitted file.

Legal Status Classification

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

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
APC ds99	1 st April 1999	1st January 2023
Psychiatric Census		

This is a classification of a patient's Legal Status which is either informal or as designated in the Mental Health Act 1983 or other acts. The classification "informal" is

used for those patients who are not formally detained or not receiving supervised aftercare. The classification is required for all patients who have a hospital provider spell which includes the care of a consultant in the psychiatric specialties or have been discharged from such a hospital provider spell and are required to receive supervised aftercare under the provision of the Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Act 1995.

For the APC ds99 this data item became effective from April 1999 and, with the data item Administrative Category, replaced the data item Category of Patient.

Format: 2 digit numeric

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
01	Informal (including voluntary patients under Section 131)	Pre 28 th December 1995	
02	Formally detained under Mental Health Act Section 2 (Admission for assessment)	Pre 28 th December 1995 Amended 1 st February 2011	
03	Formally detained under Mental Health Act Section 3 (Admission for treatment of non-offender to hospital for assessment, for medical treatment)	Pre 28 th December 1995 Amended 1 st February 2011	
04	Formally detained under Mental Health Act Section 4 (Admission for assessment in cases of emergency)	Pre 28 th December 1995 Amended 1 st February 2011	
05	Formally detained under Mental Health Act Section 5 (2) (Power to hold informal patient already in hospital, by doctor or approved clinician)	Pre 28 th December 1995 Amended 1 st February 2011	
06	Formally detained under Mental Health Act Section 5 (4) (Power to hold informal patient already in hospital, by nurse)	Pre 28 th December 1995	
07	Formally detained under Mental Health Act Section 35 (Remand to hospital for report on accused's mental condition)	Pre 28 th December 1995 Amended 1 st February 2011	
08	Formally detained under Mental Health Act Section 36 (Remand of accused person to hospital for treatment)	Pre 28 th December 1995 Amended 1 st February 2011	
09	Formally detained under Mental Health Act Sections 37 and 41 (Hospital Order with restrictions)	Pre 28 th December 1995 Amended 1 st February 2011	
10	Formally detained under Mental Health Act Section 37 (Hospital Order)	Pre 28 th December 1995 Amended 1 st February 2011	
11	Formally detained under Mental Health Act Section 37(4) (Convicted person detained in a place of safety pending admission to a hospital, under a hospital order): validation error. This section is	Pre 28 th December 1995	Valid to 31 st January 2011

	not applicable to hospitals. This was legally valid to 5 th May 2010		
12	Formally detained under Mental Health Act Section 38 (Interim hospital order)	Pre 28 th December 1995	
13	Formally detained under Mental Health Act Section 44 (Patient committed to hospital by Magistrates Court pending Crown Court disposal)	Pre 28 th December 1995 Amended 1 st February 2011	
14	Formally detained under Mental Health Act Section 46 (Detained during Her Majesty's pleasure) REPEALED BY ARMED FORCES ACT 1996	Pre 28 th December 1995	
15	Formally detained under Mental Health Act Sections 47 and 49 (Removal to hospital of person serving a sentence of imprisonment with restrictions)	Pre 28 th December 1995 Amended 1 st February 2011	
16	Formally detained under Mental Health Act Section 47 (Removal to hospital of person serving a sentence of imprisonment)	Pre 28 th December 1995 Amended 1 st February 2011	
17	Formally detained under Mental Health Act Sections 48 and 49 (Removal to hospital of other person with restrictions, not serving a sentence of imprisonment)	Pre 28 th December 1995 Amended 1 st February 2011	
18	Formally detained under Mental Health Act Section 48 (Removal to hospital of other person not serving a sentence of imprisonment)	Pre 28 th December 1995 Amended 1 st February 2011	
19	Formally detained under Mental Health Act Section 135 (Warrant to search for and remove to a place of safety)	Pre 28 th December 1995 Amended 1 st February 2011	
20	Formally detained under Mental Health Act Section 136 (Mentally disordered person found in a public place)	Pre 28 th December 1995 Amended 1 st February 2011	
21	Formally detained – Other section	Pre 28 th December 1995	31 st March 1998
30	Formally detained under previous legislation (fifth schedule); this relates only to patients who, prior to the implementation of the Mental Health Act 1983, were detained under the Sixth Schedule of the Mental Health Act 1959	Pre 28 th December 1995	
31	Formally detained under Criminal Procedure (Insanity) Act 1964 as amended by the Criminal Procedures (Insanity and Unfitness to Plead) Act 1991	Pre 28 th December 1995	
32	Formally detained under other acts:	Pre 28 th December 1995	
	Section 47 of the National Assistance Act 1948	Pre 28 th December 1995	

	Section 1,2 or 12 of the Children's and Young Persons Act 1969	Pre 28 th December 1995	
	Section 3 of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973	Pre 28 th December 1995	
33	Supervised Discharge [Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Act 1995]. This was legally valid to 3 rd May 2009.	1 st May 1998	3 rd May 2009
34	Formally detained under Mental Health Act Section 45A (Hospital and Limitation Direction)	1 st May 1998	
35	Community treatment order (Mental Health Act Section 17a) This is legally valid from 3 rd November 2008	3 rd November 2008	
98	Non applicable (only used for <u>NON</u> psychiatric consultant specialties)	1 st April 2004	

NOTE: The Connecting for Health Data Dictionary refers to value 99 – Not Know. This value is not used in Wales, as it is inappropriate if applied when the patient is detained under the Mental Health Act.