

## WELSH INFORMATION STANDARDS BOARD

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<b>Welsh Health Circular/Official Letter:</b> N/A	<b>Subject:</b> APC – Admission Method
<b>Sponsor:</b> Lesley Law, Delivery & Performance Division, Welsh Government	
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<b>DATA STANDARDS CHANGE NOTICE</b>	
<p>A Data Standards Change Notice (DSCN) is an information mandate for a new or revised information standard.</p> <p>This DSCN was approved by the Welsh Information Standards Board (WISB) at its meeting on Thursday 21st March 2024.</p> <p><b>WISB Reference:</b> ISRN 2023 / 023</p>	
<p><b>Summary:</b> To implement value changes to the existing Admission Method data item under the Admitted Patient Care Dataset.</p>	
<p><b>Data sets / returns affected:</b> Admitted Patient Care Dataset</p>	
<p>Please address enquiries about this Data Standards Change Notice to the Data Standards Team in Digital Health and Care Wales</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:data.standards@wales.nhs.uk">data.standards@wales.nhs.uk</a> / Tel: 02920502539</p>	
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### Introduction

Within the Information Quality Improvement (IQI) Initiative group, HDUHB requested the addition of a new value under Admission Method for Other – Hospital Transfer to GP Care. It was explained that this value is required for patients who finish their care with an acute consultant for discharge. This prompted a review of the existing values and data currently submitted under the data item. Queries were also raised with regards to whether some values needed to be retired such as Bed Bureau. A decision was made to share an Impact Assessment (IA) with Health Boards to gather feedback on the potential amendments to the Admission Method data item and to align with new terminology for Emergency Care.

Upon review of the feedback provided and consultation with WG, the changes outlined in the DSCN were agreed to be implemented. WG also requested that descriptions should be added to each value to provide clear definitions.

### Description of Change

The following changes to the existing data item 'Admission Method' have been identified:

- To rename existing data item values to align with new terminology for Emergency Care.
- The implementation of 5 new data values.
- To retire 2 existing data item values.

### Data Dictionary Version

Where applicable, this DSCN reflects changes introduced by DSCN and/or DDCN since the release of version 4.20 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

The changes introduced by such DSCNs will be published in version 4.21 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

### Actions Required

Actions for Local Health Boards / Trusts:

- Update APC data extract to ensure submissions comply with the amended definitions for Admission Method

Actions for Digital Health and Care Wales:

- Update the following VASS checks:
  - o 50120: Invalid Admission Method
  - o 50611: Inconsistent Admission Method / Intended Management
  - o 50625: Inconsistent Admission Method / Patient Classification
  - o 50602: Inconsistent Admission Method / Source of Admission
- Ensure that all national systems have been updated to comply with the standard.
- Update the relevant data acquisition and warehousing processes to enable the collection, storage, onward distribution, analysis and reporting of Admission method data item to include the additional codes.

**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.

<b>Data Definition Type</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>New/Retired/ Changed</b>	<b>Page Number</b>
Data Item	Admission Method	Changed	4

## 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.

### Changes to Data Items (A-Z)

#### Admission Method

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 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	

This is the method of admission to a hospital provider spell. A detailed definition of elective admission is given in Terms (A-Z) – Admission.

Format: 2 digit numeric

Value	Meaning	Description	Valid From	Valid To
<a href="#">Elective Admission</a>	(Not including transfer from other hospital provider, when the decision to admit could be separated in time from the actual admission)			
11	Waiting list	Patients admitted from an elective admission list when the facilities to carry out the treatment were not available and a bed could not be booked at the time.	Pre 28 <sup>th</sup> December 1995	
12	Booked	Patients admitted having been given a date for admission at the time of the consultation and the bed is booked at the same time for the patient.	Pre 28 <sup>th</sup> December 1995	
13	Planned	Patients admitted having been given a date when it was confirmed by the clinician that the patient is for medical reasons now able to receive the further planned treatment. This method is used following a first elective treatment, or an emergency treatment, if further planned elective treatment is required e.g. check cystoscopies, endoscopies, laser treatments.	Pre 28 <sup>th</sup> December 1995	
14	Activity under the Welsh Assembly Government 2 <sup>nd</sup> Offer Scheme (Originating Provider)	N/A	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2006	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017
15	Activity under the Welsh Assembly Government 2 <sup>nd</sup> Offer Scheme (Receiving Provider)	N/A	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2006	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017

<u>Emergency Admission</u>				
21	A & E Emergency Department or dental casualty department of the health care provider	Patients admitted to hospital for urgent care. This includes Emergency Department, Minor Injury Unit or Dental casualty departments.	Pre 28 <sup>th</sup> December 1995	
22	GP: after a request for immediate admission has been made direct to a hospital provider (i.e. not through a Bed Bureau) by a General Practitioner or deputy	Patients admitted for urgent care as a result of attending an appointment with a General Practitioner (Doctor, Dentist or Optometrist).	Pre 28 <sup>th</sup> December 1995	
23	Bed bureau	N/A	Pre 28 <sup>th</sup> December 1995	1st April 2024
24	Consultant clinic of this or another health care provider	Patient requiring urgent admission following attendance of a consultant clinic or independent nurse led clinic of current health care provider.	Pre 28 <sup>th</sup> December 1995	
25	Domiciliary visit by Consultant	Patient admitted to hospital for urgent care following a visit to the patients place of residence by a health care professional (or clinician).	Pre 28 <sup>th</sup> December 1995 Reinstated 1 <sup>st</sup> May 1998	30 <sup>th</sup> June 1997
26	GP Out of Hours Service	Patients admitted for urgent care as a result of attending an out of hours appointment with a clinician.	1st April 2024	
27	Via NHS Direct 111 Services	Patients identified as in need of admission to hospital for urgent care as a result of a call to 111.	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2001	
28	Other means, including admitted from the A & E Emergency department of another provider where they had not been admitted	This will include (but is not limited to) patients admitted from an Emergency Department or Minor Injury Unit of another provider where the patient had not been admitted.	Pre 28 <sup>th</sup> December 1995	
<u>Maternity Admission</u>				
31	Admitted ante-partum	An admission of a pregnant woman to a maternity ward (including delivery facilities) except when the intention is to terminate pregnancy.	Pre 28 <sup>th</sup> December 1995	
32	Admitted post-partum	An admission of a recently pregnant woman to a maternity ward (including delivery facilities).	Pre 28 <sup>th</sup> December 1995	
<u>Other</u>				
81	Transfer of any admitted patient from other hospital provider. May be used for an elective or emergency transfer from other hospital provider.	N/A	Pre 28 <sup>th</sup> December 1995	1st April 2024
82	The birth of a baby in this health care provider	Baby born in hospital (in this health care provider).	Pre 28 <sup>th</sup> December 1995	

83	Baby born outside the health care provider (except when born at home as intended. In this case the baby is an emergency admission. e.g. if midwife's decision to admit the baby use Admission Method 28)	Maternity admission following birth of the baby occurring outside of the health care provider (other than where a home birth was intended)	Pre 28 <sup>th</sup> December 1995	
84	Transfer to GP Care	Patients transferred to the care of a GP in a community hospital.	1st April 2024	
85	Elective transfer of an admitted patient from other hospital provider	Transfer of an admitted patient from other hospital provider where the original admission (to the other health board) was elective and/or the transfer is not time critical.	1st April 2024	
86	Emergency Transfer of an admitted patient from other hospital provider	Transfer of an admitted patient from another hospital provider where the original admission (to the other health board) was an emergency and/or it is deemed that the patient needs to be transferred urgently for ongoing treatment.	1st April 2024	
87	Transfer from GP Care	Patients transferred from a GP in a community hospital into an acute setting (reverse of code 84 – Transfer to GP Care).	1st April 2024	
98	Not Applicable		1 <sup>st</sup> May 1998	20 <sup>th</sup> January 2002
99	Not Known		Pre 28 <sup>th</sup> December 1995	20 <sup>th</sup> January 2002
See <a href="#">Originating Provider</a> See <a href="#">Receiving Provider</a>				