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<u>VASS checks 50115 and 51213 amended</u>

VASS check 50115: Invalid Consultant Code (APC) and
VASS check 51213: Invalid Consultant Code (OP)

These VASS checks previously looked at whether a consultant code existed within reference data (WRDS) and whether it related to
- *In APC*: an actual consultant (as opposed to a junior doctor).
- *In OP*: an actual consultant (as opposed to a junior doctor) or to a nurse.

Some doctors who temporarily carry out a consultant role are not identified as consultants within reference data but can work in that role for many months (e.g. locum consultants, or associate specialists acting up as consultants). These two VASS checks have been changed so that such doctors would not be flagged as invalid.

These checks now only look at whether a consultant code exists within reference data (WRDS).