

30th December 2013

APC Data Consistency Report amended
'Legal Status vs. Specialty (of Treatment)' indicator

On the APC Data Consistency reports up until (and including) the report published in November 2013, the 'Legal Status vs. Specialty (of Treatment)' indicator showed the consistency of the two data items when taking all specialties into account; and the indicator met the target each month.

When reviewing only mental health specialties, it became apparent that there were a number of incorrect legal status codes

The comparatively high proportion of non-mental health records meant that the issue with the mental health specialties was being masked.

It was therefore decided that the logic for the measure used to calculate this percentage should be based around the mental health activity only.

When reviewing only mental health specialties, it became apparent that a legal status of '98' (i.e. Non applicable (only used for NON psychiatric consultant specialties)) was being used considerably for mental health activity.

The associated VASS check remains unchanged and will therefore continue to highlight non-mental health records with an inconsistent legal status code.

Key stakeholders were informed of this change on 16th June 2014