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VASS checks 20915, 20916, 20917, 20918 and 20919 amended
Indicators relating to 'Attendance Group' (EDDS)

In the data dictionary, under the Attendance Group data item, the value '99' (Not Known) appears to be listed under the title of Non-Trauma.

Data Standards have clarified that the value of '99' (Not Known) should be used when the cause of attendance is unknown, which may or may not be due to an injury, and not exclusively for non-trauma.

For attendances to A&E where it was not known whether the patient was attending with an injury or not, guidance wasn't clear what the following data items

- Activity at Time of Injury
- Mechanism of Injury
- Injury Location Type
- Sport Activity
- Road User

(which are conditional on a patient attending with an injury) should contain.

The data dictionary stated that the 5 data items listed above all had various values, one being '98' meaning 'Not Applicable – Non Injury'.

Amendments were made to the data dictionary so that the value '98' for those 5 listed data items now means 'Not Applicable – e.g. Non Injury', so could be used (amongst other things) for patients if it was not known if they were attending with an injury or not. DDCN 2014/01 was issued to confirm this change.

The above changes necessitated a change to the logic of the data consistency checks within EDDS that involve the Attendance Group data item to allow value 99 for Attendance Group to be used with value 98 for each of the 5 listed data items.

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