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OP Data Validity Report amended
'Consultant Code' indicator

The Consultant Code data item first appeared on the OP Data Validity reports in 2013/14, but was greyed out.

The OP Data Consistency Standards were introduced in November 2013. The introduction of the Consultant Code vs. Main Specialty (Consultant) indicator as part of those standards necessitated a requirement to commence monitoring the validity of submitted Consultant Code data.

The validity of Consultant Code has been published in the monthly Outpatients Data Validity report since the beginning of 2014/15.

It is recognised that a number of organisations are submitting outpatient activity data for non-independent nurse and other clinical staff groups currently outside of scope of the OP ds. These 'consultant codes' will be flagged as invalid for the foreseeable future.

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