

OUTCOME of Welsh Information Standards Board (WISB) Appraisal

TITLE OF ANALYSIS METHODOLOGY:	Local Health Board Provider Spells
REF. NO.	ISRN: 2013 / 028
SPONSOR OF STANDARD:	Kevin Flynn, Director of Delivery, Department of Health & Social Services, Welsh Government. Developer: Gareth John, NHS Wales Informatics Service
APPROVAL HISTORY:	n/a
DATE CONSIDERED BY WISB:	19 th December 2013 20 th February 2014
WISB COMMENTS:	
<p>1. Members were informed that the Analysis Methodologies group had considered the WISB Outcome from two months previously and were in agreement with all the points raised. The proposed resolutions and observations suggested by the group and finally agreed by WISB were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To separate the useful description of the different types of spells from the main body of the method concerning Local Health Board (LHB) Provider Spells b. To make the latter more specific by renaming it "LHB Provider Spells in Relation to the Tier 1 Measures" c. That other Provider Spell Analysis Methods would be required for initiatives such as PRISM d. To remove the restriction to inpatient admissions e. To reduce the time lag between episodes suggested to allow for data quality issues to one day and therefore episodes with only a zero or one day 'end-start' difference would be included f. To limit discharge destination and source of admission codes to only those related to intra-LHB transfers, namely values 55, 56 and 57 g. To change the wording referring to "a pair of hospital spells" to "hospitals spells are considered to be linked..." h. Following data analyses exercises, to retain 'or' statements as they had been demonstrated sufficiently to constrain the linking of spells i. To remove the two steps relating to admission method and source of admission in sequencing hospitals spells with the same admission and discharge dates and only use the other three steps j. To include a statement that the term 'Super Spell' should not be used as it is a confusing, generic term. <p>2. Members observed that the standard of discharging patients from one hospital in an LHB and admitting them to another had been introduced at the behest of Finance leads to support the introduction of a Hospital Provider Spell currency. Given the implementation of LHB-wide Patient Administration Systems with their ability to transfer patients between hospitals, they queried whether this standard should be revisited.</p>	
ACTION(S) TO BE TAKEN BY SUBMITTER AND/OR SPONSOR:	
<p>1. Proceed with publication of the Analysis Method Notice</p>	

WISB APPRAISAL ASSESSMENT:	Accredited
WISB APPRAISAL ASSESSMENT KEY:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accredited: This Analysis Methodology has been appraised by WISB and is felt to be fit for purpose in that it: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - meets the business requirement - has clarity of scope - is reproducible by local organisations where appropriate 2. Refinement Required: WISB suggests that modifications are made to the Analysis Methodology as outlined in the appraisal Outcome.
STATUS OF DATA STANDARDS ASSURANCE:	Not WISB Reviewed
STATUS OF DATA STANDARDS ASSURANCE KEY:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WISB Reviewed: The data used in this Analysis Method are based on data item standards that have been through the Information Standards Assurance Process 2. Not WISB Reviewed: some or all of the data used in this Analysis Method has not been through the Information Standards Assurance Process. This may include data flows which predate the establishment of WISB.