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Analysis Method Notice Local Health Board Provider Spells

This notice describes an Analysis Method that has been developed for use in the production of published national outcome indicators, performance measures and/or currencies, which are derived directly from NHS Wales data.

The Analysis Method has been reviewed by the Analysis Methodologies Group and its output submitted to the Welsh Information Standards Board (WISB) for potential accreditation.

It should be noted that, where the data flow on which the analysis is being undertaken has not been reviewed by WISB (see 'Status of WISB Data Standards Assurance' below), accreditation of the analysis method **cannot** be interpreted as an approval of the underlying data standards or the quality of the data used.

It is recognised that formal review and/or assurance of the data flow may have been undertaken by other bodies, where those data are being formally published; for example, as Official Statistics'. In such circumstances, users of this method are advised to contact the relevant organisations should they require further information on the underlying quality of the specified data source.

For further details about the group, including Terms of Reference and membership, please visit the following website:

http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/page.cfm?orgid=742&pid=56696

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WISB Analysis Method Appraisal Assessment	Accredited with Caveats WISB suggests that modifications are made to the Analysis Method as outlined in the appraisal Outcome.	
WISB Analysis Method Appraisal Outcome(s)	Outcome	

Status of Data Standards Assurance	Not WISB Reviewed Some or all of the data used in this Analysis Method do not have standards approved via the Information Standards Assurance Process. This may include data flows that predate the establishment of WISB.
WISB Decision	n/a
Data Standards Assurance Outcome(s)	n/a

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Rationale / Context

When reporting Admitted Patient Care data set (APC ds) activity (i.e. inpatient, day case etc.), NHS Wales organisations are required to submit activity on the basis of a 'hospital spells' – i.e. continuous periods of admitted patient care within the same hospital site. This approach differs to that of England, whereby similar activity is reported on the basis of a 'provider spell' – i.e. a continuous period of inpatient care under a single provider, or organisation (i.e. LHB or Trust).

In recent years, there have been regular occasions when users of Welsh healthcare data (e.g. Welsh Government) have requested a 'provider spell' analysis of NHS Wales APC ds activity data. However, there has never been a clearly understood and documented methodology for how 'provider spell' analyses are to be undertaken.

Terminology

<u>Hospital spells</u> – these are continuous periods of inpatient care within the same hospital. With regards to the Patient Episode Database for Wales (PEDW), it is assumed that episodes submitted by the same Local Health Board with the same spell number are part of the same hospital spell.

<u>Provider spells</u> – these are continuous periods of inpatient care under a single provider (i.e. LHB or Trust).

<u>Person spells</u> – these are continuous periods of inpatient care for a single patient which could take place under any number of different providers.

<u>Super spells</u> – this is a non-specific term which has been used interchangeable over recent years to describe either a provider or person spell. It is important to stress that there is no **one** "super spell" algorithm, but the term is used generically to cover the wide range of algorithms described above, which link together individual hospital spells. Given its lack of specificity, it is recommended that the term 'super spell' should never be used to describe one of the more specific types of spell described above.

The algorithms above all attempt to track a patient through a continuous period of inpatient care, where hospital spells for the same individual are in close proximity to one another. Most 'spell' methodology variants also include additional linking criteria around hospital transfers, where the administrative codes supplied have to be consistent with a hospital transfer having taken place. For example, this is not the case for the PRISM implementation of a provider spells methodology, where the purpose is less about the calculation of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and more about risk estimation, and the enforcement of these additional criteria is less relevant.

NHS England issued technical guidance in 2005 around the derivation of so-called "Continuous Inpatient (CIP) Spells" for HES¹, and on these foundations the methodologies for hospital mortality and readmission indicators were developed. The majority of this was taken on board jointly by (then) Health Solutions Wales and NHS Performance Management within Welsh Government (WG) in their initial development of a "provider spell" algorithm for the Annual Quality Framework length of stay indicators.

The information contained hereafter only seeks to describe the methodology for the generation of 'provider spell' analyses (as described above) for use in relevant 2013/14 Welsh Government Tier 1 Measures.

¹ http://ratings2005.healthcarecommission.org.uk/Downloads/MoreInformationPageDocs/Construction%20of%20CIP%20Spells%202005.pdf

'Provider spell' algorithms are currently used in a number of settings such as the 2013/14 Welsh Government 'Tier 1' measures (e.g. Chronic Conditions Admissions / Multiple Admissions), the Predictive Risk Stratification Model (PRISM) predictive tool and in the calculation of hospital mortality and readmission rates in England and elsewhere.

Data Source

Admitted Patient Care Dataset

Definitions:

Definitional Guidance:

The algorithm takes into consideration the "mapped forward" Provider Codes (or 'Current Provider Codes' to use PEDW parlance) in order to take account of changes to organisational codes. For example, where one or more of the component hospital spells in a Cardiff & Vale provider spell took place during a period of organisational change (e.g. during 2009), the provider code in the first hospital spell might be RWM, whereas the subsequent hospital spell might have the provider code as 7A4.

However, where significant organisational changes (such as in 2009) resulted in the merger of previous organisations, such as was the case with Betsi Cadwaladr University, Hywel Dda, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University and Cwm Taf LHBs, the above approach may link a pair of hospitals to be part of the same provider spell, even though *at the time of the original hospital transfer*, the pair of hospital spells took place within different providers.

The following data items and terms are relevant

Data Items:

Admission Method
Discharge Destination
Hospital Provider Spell Number
Organisation Code (Code of Provider)
Patient Classification
Source of Admission

Terms:

Hospital Provider Spell

Detailed Specification

Hospital spells are considered to be linked if all the following conditions are met:

1. The Organisation Code (Code of Provider) is the same for each spell;

AND

2. They relate to the same person, i.e. same NHS number or same Case Record Number, if records received from the same instance of the Patient Administrative System (PAS);

3. The admission date of the subsequent hospital spell takes place within 1 day of the discharge date of the earlier spell – i.e. Admission Date (subsequent spell) minus Discharge Date (earlier spell) is between 0 and 1 day;

AND

4. There is some suggestion of an intra-LHB hospital transfer between the two spells – i.e. (Discharge destination of earlier spell IN {55, 56, 57}

OR

Source of Admission of subsequent spell IN {55, 56, 57}

OR

Admission Method of subsequent spell = 81)

Practical Considerations

In order to establish which hospital spells are the "earlier" and "subsequent" spells, a rank order of all spells for each person must first be established.

For this algorithm, the rank order for each person is derived according to the following ordering system:

- 1. Admission Date (Ascending);
- Discharge Date (Ascending);
- 3. Unique Hospital Spell Identifier (i.e. an ascending alphanumeric ordering of 'Organisation Code (Code of Provider)' and 'Hospital Provider Spell Number', concatenated together).

While the inclusion of these variables may seem slightly arbitrary, it is important to note that most are

spells have a zero length of stay, starting and ending on the same day.	
Calculation:	
Numerator n/a	
Denominator n/a	
Reporting Format / Frequency n/a	

Areas for Future Development

The following points reflect considerations raised by either the Analysis Methodologies Group or WISB in terms of aspects of the Analysis Method that require further investigation or development.

For a full breakdown of the issues considered, please refer to the formal WISB Outcome for this Analysis Method, which can be access via the Information Standards Assurance website:

http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/page.cfm?orgid=742&pid=52532

This section details any areas the Analysis Methodologies Group felt needed further consideration / review by the 'sponsor' of the method.

Inclusion of patients whose subsequent admission date is 1 or 2 days after the discharge date of the previous admission.

- Following a review of the data extraction criteria by the Analysis Methodologies group, which included a small review of individual patient data by some of the LHB members of the group, the methodology was amended to exclude those patients whose subsequent admission date is 2 days after the discharge date of the previous admission. Members recognised the justification for including the 1 day patients recognisable data quality issues could be responsible for the recording of incorrect admission and discharge dates for genuine hospital transfers. However, members felt less confident that the 2 day patients were genuine transfers
- The group recognised that a further review of this issue was required. This should take the form
 of a structured review of patient case notes against the data contained within PEDW. Such a
 review should be used to inform a data quality review in relevant LHBs.

Restriction of methodology to inpatients (i.e. 'Patient Classification' = 1) only

- The original methodology reviewed by the group was restricted to the creation of provider spells
 for inpatients only. These were identified via the Patient Classification data item within the APC
 ds. Only those episodes where the Patient Classification = 1 were included in the methodology.
 The Analysis Methodologies Group recognised that a provider spell could quite easily be initiated
 (or continued) via other types of admission. For example:
 - A day case admission where complications arise and the patient is required to be admitted to another hospital site for further treatment.
 - An inpatient in a community hospital being transferred to an acute site (e.g. for a day case or regular day admission) and then being transferred back to the community hospital site.
- In light of the above observations, the restriction of the methodology to inpatients only was removed.

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Ranking of provider spells

- The original methodology included the following five steps in the applying a ranking order to the individual hospital spells that make up one provider spell. These were originally as follows:
- 1. Admission Date (Ascending);
- 2. Discharge Date (Ascending);
- 3. Admission Method (Ascending value of 2 digit code;
- 4. Source of Admission (Ascending value of 2 digit code)
- 5. Unique Hospital Spell Identifier (e.g. ascending alphanumeric ordering of Provider Code and Spell Number, concatenated together).
- Whilst it was recognised that the purpose of the ranking is to **force** a unique ordering of hospital spells in those rare instances where both hospital spells have a zero length of stay, starting and ending on the same day, the rationale for the inclusion of 'Admission Method' and 'Source of Admission' in this ranking methodology was queried by the Welsh Information Standards Board (WISB) and the Analysis Methodology Group. They were originally included on the basis that, in ascending order, the values of the two data items had a logical 'flow' in terms of the routes patients usually move through secondary care (i.e. elective → emergency / home → nursing or residential homes). On analysing the data, it was shown that a small number of records were being impacted by this part of the ranking methodology. Therefore, given the concerns as to the inclusion of these two data items, this element of the ranking was removed.

Reporting of provider spells within the APC ds

 The Analysis Methodology Group recommended a longer term review into the business requirement for the reporting of NHS Wales APC ds activity data by hospital spells vs. provider spells.

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Appendix B – SQL Code (where applicable)

Important: The following code is intended for information purposes only. It will contain references to specific references (servers, data item descriptions etc.) that are applicable within the NHS Wales Informatics Service only and therefore will not be suitable for direct application to local (LHB) data.

```
ALTER procedure [IPU].[Provider spells]
as
/*
INDEX OF TABLES:
##provider_spells_step_1 - Base table of all ordinary inpatient spells
##provider spells step 2 - Table with 'uncleansed' discharge destinations from Monty
##provider spells step 3 - Spell details for all spells with a relevant transfer
code, along with all other spells for the same patient within the 2 day time frame,
along with all overlapping and duplicate spells
##provider spells step 4 - The result table of the cursor used to link spells in to
provider spells
##provider spells step 5 - The final look up table, with all other stand-alone spells
added
-- STEP ONE: Create a base subset of apc spell subset (##provider spells step 1) with
the records we are interested in
-- This will enable us to update a handful of spells which have a null discharge
date, but shouldn't have
-- This occurs where a multi episode spells spans a trust merger, the spell is in
apc spell twice, once
-- with a null discharge date and once with a valid discharge date
-- Create the table ##provider spells step 1
Select distinct
s.curr prov unit code,
s.prov unit code,
s.spell no,
s.admission date,
s.discharge date,
s.admission method,
s.admission source,
s.discharge destination,
s.intended management,
s.crn,
coalesce(p.nhs no, case when s.curr prov unit code<>'eng' then
s.curr prov unit code+s.crn else s.prov unit code+s.crn end) nhs no -- Use NHS number
if a valid one can be found, else prov unit code+crn
into ##provider spells step 1
from warehousedb.dbo.apc spell subset s
join warehousedb.dbo.patient nhs p on
s.prov unit code=p.prov unit code
and s.spell no=p.spell no
where 1=2 and
submitted patient class in ('1','2') -- Ordinary admissions and day cases only
and s.admission date >= '01-April-2005'
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-- Populate the table ##provider spells step 1
Insert into ##provider spells step 1
Select distinct
s.curr_prov_unit_code,
s.prov_unit_code,
s.spell_no,
s.admission date,
s.discharge_date,
s.admission_method,
s.admission source,
s.discharge destination,
s.intended management,
s.crn,
coalesce(p.nhs no, case when s.curr prov unit code<>'eng' then
s.curr prov unit code+s.crn else s.prov unit code+s.crn end) nhs no -- Use NHS number
if a valid one can be found, else prov unit code+crn
from warehousedb.dbo.apc spell subset s
join warehousedb.dbo.patient nhs p on
s.prov unit code=p.prov unit code
and s.spell no=p.spell no
where
submitted patient class in ('1','2') -- Ordinary admissions and day cases only
and s.admission date >= '01-April-2005'
-- (About 3 mins)
-- Index the table
create clustered index base ind on ##provider spells step 1 (prov unit code, spell no)
-- There are some spells which have a null discharge date, but which should not.
-- These are multi episode spells which span a trust merger, the spell is in
apc spell twice, once
-- with a null discharge date and once with a valid discharge date
-- We want to set the discharge date of the premerged spell to be the discharge date
of the post merged spell
-- Match on spell number and admission date
Update a
set discharge date = b.discharge date
from ##provider spells step 1 a
join ##provider spells step 1 b on
a.curr prov unit code = b.curr prov unit code and -- Same merged provider
a.spell no = b.spell no and
                                                              -- Same spell
a.admission date = b.admission date
                                                   -- Same admission date
where a.discharge date is null -- Pre-merged spell has a null discharge date
and a.prov unit code not like '7%' -- Pre-merged spell
and b.discharge date is not null -- Post merged spell has a valid discharge date
-- BASE TABLE, ##provider spells step 1, CREATED
-- STEP TWO:
-- Create a table, ##provider_spells_step_2, of relevant discharge destinations from
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Monty 2 (to remove effect of incorrectly cleansed discharge destinations)
Select distinct s.prov unit code, s.spell no, s.discharge destination
into ##provider spells step 2
from [IPU\NHSNational].monty2.dbo.dq spell subset s
where s.admission date >= '01-April-2005'
(admission source between '55' and '57'
or admission_method in ('29','81')
or discharge destination between '55' and '57') -- There is a code indicating a
transfer
and submitted patient class in ('1','2') -- Ordinary admissions and day cases only
-- Index the table:
create clustered index ind1 on ##provider spells step 2 (prov unit code, spell no)
-- STEP THREE:
                  Select spell details for those patients appearing in the uncleansed
discharge destination tables in to ##provider spells step 3
select distinct
s.curr prov unit code,
s.prov unit code,
s.spell no,
s.admission date,
s.discharge date,
s.admission method,
s.admission source,
d.discharge destination,
s.intended management,
s.crn,
s.nhs no
into ##provider spells step 3
       ##provider spells step 1 s
from
join ##provider spells step 2 d on
s.prov unit code=d.prov unit code
and s.spell no=d.spell no
where s.admission date >= '01-Apr-2005'
(s.admission source between '55' and '57'
or s.admission_method in ('29','81')
or d.discharge destination between '55' and '57') -- There is a code indicating a
transfer
-- Index the table:
create clustered index ind1 on ##provider spells step 3(prov unit code, spell no)
create index ind2 on ##provider spells step 3(nhs no)
-- ADD ALL OTHER SPELLS FOR THE PERSON IN SECOND STAGE TABLE, APART FROM SPELLS THAT
ALREADY EXIST IN THE SECOND STAGE TABLE
insert into ##provider spells step 3
(curr_prov_unit_code,
prov_unit_code,
spell_no,
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admission date,
discharge date,
admission method,
admission source,
discharge destination,
intended management,
crn,
nhs no)
select distinct
p.curr_prov_unit_code,
p.prov unit code,
p.spell no,
p.admission date, p.discharge date,
p.admission method, p.admission source,
p.discharge destination,
p.intended management,
p.crn,
p.nhs no
from ##provider spells step 3 g
join ##provider spells step 1 p on
g.nhs no=p.nhs no
and g.prov unit code+g.spell no<>p.prov unit code+p.spell no
left outer join ##provider spells step 3 g2
on g2.prov unit code=p.prov unit code
and g2.spell no=p.spell no
where g2.spell no is null
and (p.admission date between g.discharge date and (coalesce (g.discharge date, '31-
December-2030')+1)
or p.discharge date between g.admission date-1 and g.admission date
or p.admission date between g.admission date and coalesce (g.discharge date, '31-
December-2030')
or p.discharge date between g.admission date and coalesce (g.discharge date, '31-
December-2030')
)
-- ADD ALL INPATIENT STANDALONE SPELLS (i.e. not already in ##script2 step2) WHICH
OVERLAP IN TO
-- ##provider_spells_step_3. THESE ARE SPELLS WHICH DO NOT HAVE THE RELEVANT
ADMISSION SOURCE/METHOD/DISCHARGE DEST SO WILL NOT BE IN THIS TABLE YET
Insert into ##provider spells step 3
Select distinct
s.curr prov unit code,
s.prov_unit_code,
s.spell no,
s.admission date, s.discharge date,
s.admission_method, s.admission_source,
s.discharge destination,
s.intended management,
s.crn,
s.nhs no
from ##provider spells step 1 s
join ##provider_spells_step_1 p on
p.nhs no=s.nhs no and
s.prov_unit_code+s.spell_no <> p.prov_unit_code+p.spell_no -- Same person, different
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spell number
left outer join ##provider spells step 3 z on -- Not already in the step 2 table
s.prov unit code = z.prov unit code and
s.spell no = z.spell no
where z.prov unit code is null
and
            (s.admission_date = p.admission_date
            and s.discharge date = p.discharge date
            and datediff(day, s.admission date, s.discharge date) > 0) -- 1
or
(((s.admission date = p.admission date and s.discharge date < p.discharge date)
or (s.admission date = p.admission date and s.discharge date > p.discharge date))
and datediff(day, s.admission_date, s.discharge_date) <> 0
and datediff(day, p.admission date, p.discharge date) <> 0) -- 2
or
(((s.discharge date = p.discharge date and s.admission date < p.admission date)
or (s.discharge date = p.discharge date and s.admission date > p.admission date))
and datediff(day, s.admission date, s.discharge date) <> 0
and datediff(day, p.admission date, p.discharge date) <> 0) -- 3
or
((s.admission date > p.admission date and s.discharge date < p.discharge date)
or (s.admission date < p.admission date and s.discharge date > p.discharge date)) --
or
((s.admission date < p.admission date and s.discharge date < p.discharge date and
s.discharge date > p.admission_date)
or (s.admission date > p.admission date and s.discharge date > p.discharge date and
s.admission date < p.discharge date)) -- 5</pre>
-- (About 2 mins)
-- 1: Exact duplicate spells of > 0 day duration
-- 2: Admission dates the same, both spells over 0 day duration
-- 3: Discharge dates the same, both spells over 0 day duration
-- 4: One spell completely contained in the other - i.e. has an admission date after,
and a discharge date before, the other
-- 5: Overlapping spell
-- DELETE SPELLS WITH A NULL DISCHARGE DATE (ONLY INTERESTED IN FINISHED SPELLS),
NULL PATIENT ID's, AND ANY PATIENT ID'S IN TABLE ONLY ONCE (no point putting these
through the cursor!)
delete ##provider spells step 3
where discharge date is null
delete ##provider spells step 3
where nhs no is null
delete ##provider_spells_step_3
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from ##provider_spells_step_3
where nhs no in (select nhs no from ##provider spells step 3
                              group by nhs no having count(*)=1)
-- PRE-CURSOR TABLE, ##provider spells step 3, CREATED
-- STEP FOUR: THE CURSOR!
-- Create a table, ##provider spells step 4, for the results of the cursor:
Create table ##provider_spells_step_4 (
prov unit code char(3) null,
spell no char (12) null,
prov spell char (15) null,
prov spell order int null,
person spell char (15) null,
person spell order int null,
max prov spell int null,
max person spell int null)
-- Declare variables
declare @prov unit code char(3), @spell no char(12), @curr prov unit code char(3), @crn
varchar(14),@nhs no char(10),
@admission method char(2),@admission source char(2),@discharge destination char(2),
@admission date datetime,@discharge date datetime
-- Declare variables for previous curr prov, crn, nhs no, disch dest etc
declare @curr prov unit code prev char(3),@crn prev varchar(14),@nhs no prev
@discharge destination prev char(2),
@admission date prev datetime,@discharge date prev datetime
-- Declare variables for prov and person spell ID's and orders
declare @prov_spell char(15), @prov_spell_prev char(15), @prov_spell_order int
declare @person_spell char(15), @person_spell_prev char(15), @person_spell_order int
-- Declare cursor for curr prov, prov, spell, crn, nhs no, adm meth etc
-- Order by nhs no, admission date, disch date
declare curs1 cursor for
select prov unit code, spell no, case when curr prov unit code <> 'Eng' then
                                     else prov unit code end, crn, nhs no,
curr prov unit code
admission method, admission source, discharge destination,
admission_date,coalesce(discharge_date,'31-December-2030')
from ##provider spells step 3
order by nhs_no,admission_date,coalesce(discharge_date,'31-December-2030'),
admission method, admission source, prov unit code, spell no
-- Open the cursor:
open curs1
-- Fetch the first row from the cursor into the variables for prov unit code,
spell no, curr prov unit code etc
fetch next from curs1
into
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@prov unit code,@spell no,@curr prov unit code,@crn,@nhs no,
@admission method,@admission source,@discharge destination,@admission date,@discharge
date
while @@fetch status=0 -- While there are still rows to fetch
begin
if @nhs_no=@nhs_no_prev -- If nhs_no = previous nhs no
 and (@admission_date between @admission_date_prev and @discharge_date_prev+1 --
Admission date falls between the previous spells admission date and one day after
previous spells discharge date
 and
 (@discharge destination prev between '55' and '57'
 or @admission source between '55'and '57'
 or @admission method in ('29','81'))) -- or current spell has a relevant admission
code
 or @admission date between @admission date prev and @discharge date prev-1 -- Or
second admission starts before first ends, i.e. overlapping spell
begin
  if (@discharge destination prev between '55' and '57' or @admission source between
'55'and '57'
  or @admission method in ('29','81') or @admission date between @admission date prev
and @discharge date prev-1)
  and @curr prov unit code=@curr prov unit code prev -- If it has relevant
admission/discharge code, or it is overlapping and the curr prov unit codes match,
then it is both a person and a prov spell:
    begin --person and prov
    set @prov spell order=@prov spell order+1 -- Add 1 to the prov spell order
   set @prov spell=@prov spell prev -- The prov spell is the same as the previous
prov spell
    set @person spell order=@person spell order+1 -- Add 1 to the person spell order
    set @person spell=@person spell prev -- The person spell is the same as the
previous person spell
 -- Then insert the data in to the prov/person spell look up table:
    insert into ##provider spells step 4
(prov unit code, spell no, prov spell, prov spell order, person spell, person spell order)
    select
@prov unit code,@spell no,@prov spell,@prov spell order,@person spell,@person spell o
rder
    end -- End of the both person and prov spell bit!
  else -- Otherwise it will be a person spell not a prov spell
   begin
   set @prov spell order=1 -- Set prov spell order = 1
   set @prov spell=@curr prov unit code+@spell no -- Set prov spell ID
   set @person_spell_order=@person_spell_order+1 -- Add one to the person spell order
   set @person spell=@person spell prev -- Set person spell ID to be the previous
person spell ID
-- Then insert the data in to the prov/person spell look up table:
   insert into ##provider spells step 4
(prov unit code, spell no, prov spell, prov spell order, person spell, person spell order)
   select
@prov unit code,@spell no,@prov spell,@prov spell order,@person spell,@person spell o
   end --person not prov
 end
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else -- Otherwise it is neither a person spell or a prov spell
begin
 set @prov spell order=1 -- Set prov spell order = 1
 set @prov spell=@curr prov unit code+@spell no -- Set prov spell ID
 set @person spell order=1 -- Set person spell order = 1
 set @person spell=@curr_prov_unit_code+@spell_no -- Set person_spell ID
-- Then insert the data in to the prov/person spell look up table:
insert into ##provider spells step 4
(prov unit code, spell no, prov spell, prov spell order, person spell, person spell order)
 select
@prov unit code,@spell no,@prov spell,@prov spell order,@person spell,@person spell o
rder
 end
-- Then set the current variables to the previous ones:
 set @person spell prev=@person spell
 set @prov spell prev=@prov spell
 set @curr prov unit code prev=@curr prov unit code
 set @crn prev=@crn
 set @nhs no prev=@nhs no
 set @discharge destination prev=@discharge destination
 set @admission date prev=@admission date
 set @discharge date prev=@discharge date
-- And fetch next from the cursor in to the current variables:
fetch next from curs1
@prov unit code, @spell no, @curr prov unit code, @crn, @nhs no,
@admission method,@admission source,@discharge destination,@admission date,@discharge
_date
end
close curs1
deallocate curs1
-- 54 secs!
-- TABLE WITH RESULTS OF CURSOR, ##provider spells step 4, CREATED
-- SET MAX PROV AND MAX PERSON SPELL FLAGS:
update ##provider spells step 4
set max prov spell=1
from ##provider spells step 4 p
join (select prov spell, max(prov spell order) as max spell from
##provider spells step 4
                              group by prov spell) m
p.prov spell=m.prov spell
p.prov spell order=m.max spell
update ##provider spells step 4
set max_person_spell=1
from ##provider_spells_step_4 p
join (select person_spell, max(person_spell_order) as max_spell from
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##provider spells step 4
                              group by person spell) m
on
p.person spell=m.person spell
p.person spell order=m.max spell
-- Cursor up table!
create clustered index ind prov on ##provider spells step_4 (prov_unit_code, spell_no)
-- STEP FIVE: Add spells not already in ##provider spells step 4 in to
##provider spells step 5
select distinct
      coalesce(prov_spell, s.prov_unit_code+s.spell_no) as provider_spell,
    coalesce (person spell, s.prov unit code+s.spell no) as person spell,
      s.prov unit code,
      s.spell no,
      s.admission_date,
      s.discharge date,
      s.admission method,
      prov spell order,
      person spell order,
      max prov spell,
      max person spell
into ##provider spells step 5
from ##provider spells step 1 s
      left outer join ##provider spells step 4 l on
      s.prov unit code=1.prov unit code
      and s.spell_no=l.spell_no
where s.admission date >= '01-Apr-2005'
-- Delete person spells where the max person spell has a discharge destination
indicating that the person spell is unfinished, i.e. discharge destination in ('55',
'56', '57', '98')
Select distinct z.person spell
into ##step5 temp
from ##provider spells step 5 z
join [IPU\NHSNational].monty2.dbo.dq spell subset s on
s.prov unit code = z.prov unit code and
s.spell no = z.spell no
where (max person spell = 1 or person spell order is null) -- Max spell or only spell
in person spell
and s.discharge_destination in ('55', '56', '57', '98')
-- Delete person spells
Delete ##provider spells step 5
where person spell in
(Select distinct person_spell from ##step5_temp)
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-- Put data in to permanent table:

truncate table userobj.analysis.Provider_spells_11_12

Insert into userobj.analysis.Provider_spells_11_12

Select * from ##provider_spells_step_5

drop table ##provider_spells_step_1
drop table ##provider_spells_step_2
drop table ##provider_spells_step_3
drop table ##provider_spells_step_4
drop table ##provider_spells_step_5

-- END OF PROVIDER SPELLS SCRIPT
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