

OUTCOME of Welsh Information Standards Board (WISB) Appraisal

TITLE OF ANALYSIS METHOD:	Delivery of the Cancer 31 and 62 Day Waiting Times Targets
REF. NO.	IGRN 2007 / 019
SPONSOR OF STANDARD:	Kevin Flynn, Director of Delivery and Deputy Chief Executive of NHS Wales, Department of Health & Social Services, Welsh Government
APPROVAL HISTORY:	n/a
DATE CONSIDERED BY WISB:	21 st November 2013
WISB COMMENTS:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members welcomed the addition of a new section to the submission template which related to areas that the group had identified should be addressed before submission to WISB. Members felt that there should be a distinction in the template between areas that the Analysis Methodologies (AM) Group had raised, and which had been addressed, and those that they were highlighting as needing future development. 2. Members noted that the AM Group had clarified 31 and 62 days as being up to and including each number. 3. As with other aggregate counts, the Centre was simply receiving total numbers for the denominator and numerator. 4. Members noted that the targets had previously been reviewed by WIGSB but that details on the definitions and algorithms used to derive the counts had not been forthcoming. 5. Members referred to the Business Requirement underpinning this measure and noted that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - deaths in the process were not captured - the ways these targets were measured was inconsistent with other waiting times reports. To be consistent they should capture the total duration of waits and not just counts of whether or not the target had been reached in the reporting month. 6. Members also queried the reporting currency and whether the data collection included Welsh patients treated in England. 7. Members noted that a number of these points were raised when these Cancer Wait targets were originally appraised by WIGSB in 2007. 	
ACTION(S) TO BE TAKEN BY SUBMITTER AND/OR SPONSOR:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submitter to ensure reporting currency is included in the publication. 	
WISB APPRAISAL ASSESSMENT:	Accredited

<p>WISB APPRAISAL ASSESSMENT KEY:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accredited: This Analysis Method 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 Method as outlined in the appraisal Outcome.
<p>STATUS OF DATA STANDARDS ASSURANCE:</p>	<p>WISB Reviewed (see Outcome)</p>
<p>STATUS OF DATA STANDARDS ASSURANCE KEY:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WISB Reviewed: the data used in this Analysis Method has 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.