

OUTCOME of Welsh Information Standards Board (WISB) Appraisal

TITLE OF ANALYSIS METHOD:	Referral to Treatment Waiting Times More Than 36 Weeks
REF. NO.	IGRN 2007 / 035
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:	15 th August 2013
WISB COMMENTS:	
<p>1. Members noted that the nature of the aggregate data collection used for this analysis is very different from the patient level data sets submitted for central analysis. Whereas more complex methodologies could be applied to patient-level data sets, in this case, extensive definitional guidance has been provided to LHBs to enable them to determine the content of their aggregate returns. The central 'analysis' then comprised straight forward selection of relevant counts for onward presentation.</p> <p>2. Members referenced their previous caveats concerning local data collection which related to shortfalls in the published guidance but accepted that this submission only related to central analysis.</p> <p>Members recognised that details on conversion on days wait to week bands was helpful (although this is already described in the NHS Wales Data Dictionary).</p>	
ACTION(S) TO BE TAKEN BY SUBMITTER AND/OR SPONSOR:	
1. Proceed to agreed format for publication	
WISB APPRAISAL ASSESSMENT:	Accredited
WISB APPRAISAL ASSESSMENT KEY:	<p>1. Accredited: This Analysis Method has been appraised by WISB and is felt to be fit for purpose in that it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - meets the business requirement - has clarity of scope - is reproducible by local organisations where appropriate <p>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:	WISB Reviewed (see Outcome)

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ASSURANCE KEY:**

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.