

Subject(s):	<i>Definition of 'Main Specialty (Consultant)'</i>
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Reason for Change

There has been long-standing confusion in the NHS Wales Data Dictionary over the definitions and use of Main Specialty, Local Sub-Specialty and Treatment Function Codes.

To more clearly distinguish between 'Main Specialty' and 'Treatment Function Code', two separate lists and accompanying definitions (based on those used in England) are to be introduced.

The NHS Wales Data Dictionary does not properly distinguish between 'Main Specialty' being a Royal Colleges and Faculties approved title and 'Treatment Function' being a division of clinical work based on Main Specialty.

Therefore a clear, distinct definition of Main Specialty (Consultant) is to be introduced into the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

Description of Change

To introduce a new definition for 'Main Specialty (Consultant)' to more accurately describe its content. The English Definition of Main Specialty is to be adopted.

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Section1: Table reflecting areas that are impacted as a result of this DDCN

The following table shows all applicable data sets, data items, terms and other associated areas that are linked with the changes documented within this DDCN.

Each data definition type is listed in alphabetical order and is shown in the sequence in which it appears in this DDCN.

Data Definition Type	Name	New / Retired / Changed	Page Number
Data Item	Main Specialty (Consultant)	Changed	4

Section 2: Highlighted changes to be made to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary

Changes to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary are detailed below, with new text being highlighted in **blue** and deletions are shown with a **strikethrough**. The text shaded in **grey** shows existing text copied from the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

Changes to Data Items (A-Z)

Main Specialty (consultant)

Change History	
DDCN 2013 / 12	Definition of Main Specialty (Consultant)
DSCN 2012 / 11	Elective Admission List Data Set (EAL Ds)
DSCN 2011/07	The introduction of the 'Referral to Treatment Times (Combined)' return
DDCN 2011/02	Angiogram Waiting Time & Referral to Treatment Patient Tracking Report.
DSCN 2010/12	Referral to Treatment Patient Tracking Report.
DSCN 2010 / 07	Admitted Patient Care Minimum Data Set (APC MDS) Data Validity Standards
DSCN 2009/09	NHS Reforms: NHS Wales Data Definition Update.
DSCN (2008) 08 (W)	Referral to Treatment Patient Tracking Report.
DSCN (2007) 13 (W)	To remove waits for certain diagnostic endoscopies from the waiting times data collection for inpatient and day case admissions and first outpatient appointments (PP01W).
DSCN (2007) 08 (W)	To Provide Guidance on the Reporting Structure for the Referral to Treatment Times Reporting Requirements.
DSCN (2006) 05 (W)	Rename Data Item 'Consultant Specialty Function Code' and Specialty Function Code'

(This data item was formerly known as 'Specialty Function Code' with the new title being implemented from 15th May 2006)

This data item is / was included in the following data sets / collections between the dates shown:

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To

APC ds99	1st April 1999	
EAL ds	1st April 1999	21st November 2012
OP ds	1st April 1999	
RTT	1st April 2007	31st August 2011
PP01W		
OPR ds	1st July 2008	
RTT-PTR	1st September 2008	30th September 2009

This is the main specialty of the Consultant. It is a unique identifier for a specialty function. A specialty function is a division of clinical work to a lower level than that designated by Royal Colleges and Faculties.

Specialties are divisions of clinical work which may be defined by body systems (e.g. dermatology), age (e.g. paediatrics), clinical technology (e.g. nuclear medicine), clinical function (e.g. rheumatology), group of diseases (e.g. oncology) or combinations of these factors.

Only specialty titles recognised by the Royal Colleges and Faculties should be used. This list is maintained by the General and Specialist Medical Practice (Education, Training and Qualifications) Order 2003 and European Primary and Specialist Dental Qualifications Regulations 1998.

Format: 3 digit numeric

See [Appendix A](#)

Value	Meaning	Valid From	Valid To
Surgical Specialties			
100	General Surgery	Pre 28 th December 1995	
101	Urology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
110	Trauma & Orthopaedic	Pre 28 th December 1995	
120	ENT	Pre 28 th December 1995	
130	Ophthalmology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
140	Oral Surgery	Pre 28 th December 1995	
141	Restorative Dentistry	Pre 28 th December 1995	
142	Paediatric Dentistry	Pre 28 th December 1995	

143	Orthodontics	Pre 28 th December 1995	
150	Neurosurgery	Pre 28 th December 1995	
160	Plastic Surgery	Pre 28 th December 1995	
170	Cardiothoracic Surgery	Pre 28 th December 1995	
171	Paediatric Surgery	Pre 28 th December 1995	
180	Accident & Emergency	Pre 28 th December 1995	
190	Anaesthetics	Pre 28 th December 1995	
191	Pain Management	Pre 28 th December 1995	
199	Non-UK provider; specialty function not know, treatment mainly surgical <i>(only applicable for overseas providers)</i>	Pre 28 th December 1995	
Medical Specialties			
300	General Medicine	Pre 28 th December 1995	
301	Gastroenterology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
302	Endocrinology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
303	Haematology (Clinical)	Pre 28 th December 1995	
304	Clinical Physiology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
305	Clinical Pharmacology and therapeutics	Pre 28 th December 1995	
310	Audiological Medicine	Pre 28 th December 1995	
311	Clinical Genetics	Pre 28 th December 1995	
312	Clinical Cytogenetics and Molecular Genetics	Pre 28 th December 1995	
313	Clinical Immunology and Allergy	Pre 28 th December 1995	
314	Rehabilitation	Pre 28 th December 1995	
315	Palliative Medicine	Pre 28 th December 1995	
320	Cardiology	Pre 28 th December 1995	

330	Dermatology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
340	Thoracic Medicine	Pre 28 th December 1995	
350	Infectious Diseases	Pre 28 th December 1995	
360	Genito Urinary Medicine	Pre 28 th December 1995	
361	Nephrology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
370	Medical Oncology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
371	Nuclear Medicine	Pre 28 th December 1995	
400	Neurology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
401	Clinical Neuro-physiology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
410	Rheumatology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
420	Paediatrics	Pre 28 th December 1995	
421	Paediatric Neurology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
430	Geriatric Medicine	Pre 28 th December 1995	
450	Dental Medicine Specialties	Pre 28 th December 1995	
460	Medical Ophthalmology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
499	Non-UK provider; specialty function not known, treatment mainly medical (only applicable for overseas providers)	Pre 28 th December 1995	
Obstetrics & Gynaecology			
501	Obstetrics (for patients using a bed)	Pre 28 th December 1995	
502	Gynaecology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
510	Obstetrics – AN (outpatients)	Pre 28 th December 1995	
520	Obstetrics - PN (outpatients)	Pre 28 th December 1995	
560	Midwifery	Pre 28 th December 1995	
General Practice			
610	GP Maternity	Pre 28 th December	

		1995	
620	GP Other	Pre 28 th December 1995	
Psychiatry			
700	Mental Handicap	Pre 28 th December 1995	
710	Mental Illness	Pre 28 th December 1995	
711	Child & Adolescent Psychiatry	Pre 28 th December 1995	
712	Forensic Psychiatry	Pre 28 th December 1995	
713	Psychotherapy	Pre 28 th December 1995	
715	Old Age Psychiatry	Pre 28 th December 1995	
Radiology			
800	Clinical Oncology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
810	Radiology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
Pathology			
820	General Pathology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
821	Blood Transfusion	Pre 28 th December 1995	
822	Chemical Pathology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
823	Haematology (non-clinical)	Pre 28 th December 1995	
824	Histopathology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
830	Immunopathology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
831	Medical Microbiology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
832	Neuropathology	Pre 28 th December 1995	
Other			
900	Community Medicine	Pre 28 th December 1995	
901	Occupational Medicine	Pre 28 th December 1995	
950	Nursing	Pre 28 th December 1995	
990	Joint Consultant Clinics	Pre 28 th December 1995	

Specialty Codes can be viewed through the following link to the National Reference Data Service (NRDS Website): <http://NRDS.cymru.nhs.uk>

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You can find changes made to the NHS Wales Informatics Service Data Dictionary via the following link: <http://www.datadictionary.wales.nhs.uk/>