

## WELSH INFORMATION STANDARDS BOARD

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### DATA STANDARDS CHANGE NOTICE

A Data Standards Change Notice (DSCN) is an information mandate for a new or revised information standard.

This DSCN was approved by the Welsh Information Standards Board (WISB) at its meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

**WISB Reference:** ISRN 2019 / 009

#### Summary:

To retire the Single Cancer Pathway - Adjustments data set.

#### Data sets / returns affected:

Retirement of patient level data set:

- Single Cancer Pathway - Adjustments

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<http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/page.cfm?orgid=742&pid=24632>

## DATA STANDARDS CHANGE NOTICE

### Introduction

The Single Cancer Pathway – Adjustments DSCN was first published on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The data set is a patient level data set which along with a separate Single Cancer Pathway – Core data set (DSCN 2020 / 28) were required provide the data necessary to perform key metrics around the Single Cancer Pathway. Health Boards/Trusts were required to record social and medical adjustments and indicate whether the adjustment was exceptional or non-exceptional, however these were not to be included in SCP reporting.

Cancer Wait Times Subgroups were held by Welsh Government in October 2020, with Health Boards and NHS Wales Informatics Service in attendance to provide input in the re-writing of the Cancer Wait Times guidance document. As a result of the changes made to the guidance document (for example CWT pathways are reported based on closed completed pathways, and no adjustments are to be made to the patient pathway), this data set is deemed no longer appropriate nor required. Health Boards will now only be required to report on unadjusted waits.

The new Cancer Wait Times guidance can be accessed [here](#).

### Description of Change

This DSCN formally retires the requirement for Health Boards to submit adjusted waits within their cancer wait times returns as a result to the changes made by Welsh Government to the Cancer Wait Times guidance.

### Data Dictionary Version

Where applicable, this DSCN reflects changes introduced by DSCN and/or DDCN since the release of version 4.10 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

The changes introduced by such DSCNs will be published in version 4.11 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

### Actions Required

Actions for all Local Health Boards:

- Health Boards will not be required to report on adjusted waits within their cancer waiting times with immediate effect.

Actions for NWIS Data Standards:

- To retire the Single Cancer Pathway – Adjustments data set and to reflect this in the Data Dictionary.
- Ensure WelshPAS are aware of the changes required in the Wales Cancer Tracking Module to remove elements relating to the adjustments data set.

Welsh Government Delivery & Performance Division:

- To cease the formal publication of adjusted waits from February 2021.

## **Appendix A: Table reflecting areas that are impacted as a result of this DSCN**

The following table shows where there are changes to the scope and/or definitions of applicable data sets, data items, terms and other associated areas that are linked with the changes documented within this DSCN.

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

<b>Data Definition Type</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>New/Retired/Changed</b>	<b>Page Number</b>
Patient Level Data Set	Single Cancer Pathway Adjustments	Retired	5
Data Item	Adjustment Start Date	Retired	5
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Data Item	Reason for Adjustment	Retired	6
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## Appendix B: 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

### a) Changes to Patient Level Data Sets

Note: The Single Cancer Pathway – Adjustments Data Set will be moved to the 'Retired Data Sets / Aggregate Data Collections' section of the Data Dictionary, with the following changes.

#### Single Cancer Pathway – Adjustments Data Set (Retired)

Valid from: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021

Valid to: 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

Rating 1 = Mandatory 2 = Optional	Data Items	Column Header	Format
1	NHS Number	NHSNumber	10 digit numeric
1	Local Patient Identifier	LocalPatientIdentifier	10 character alpha-numeric
1	Unique Pathway Identifier	UniquePathwayIdentifier	24 character alpha-numeric
1	Organisation Code (Code of Provider)	ProviderOrgCode	5 character alpha-numeric
2	Adjustment Start Date	AdjustmentStartDate	8 digit numeric (ccyymmdd)
2	Adjustment End Date	AdjustmentEndDate	8 digit numeric (ccyymmdd)
2	Reason for Adjustment	AdjustmentReason	1 digit numeric
2	Exception Adjustment Indicator	ExceptionAdjustmentIndicator	1 character alpha-numeric

### b) Retired Data Items

The following data items that are only included in the Single Cancer Pathway – Adjustments Data Set will be moved to the 'Retired Data Items' section of the Data Dictionary, and updated with the following text:

#### Adjustment Start Date

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

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
SCPA ds	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021

The period of adjustment will start according to the Cancer Waiting Time rules (e.g. when the patient is unavailable, declared unfit to continue, etc.). For further guidance, see <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-09/consolidated-rules-for-managing-cancer-waiting-times.pdf>.

A patient can have more than one adjustment.

Note: Mandatory where 'Reason for Adjustment' is populated.

Format: 8 digit numeric, CCYMMDD

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### Adjustment End Date

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

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
SCPA ds	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021

The period of adjustment will end according to the Cancer Waiting Time rules (i.e. when the patient is available, declared fit to continue, or new appointment made following CNA/DNA). For further guidance, see <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-09/consolidated-rules-for-managing-cancer-waiting-times.pdf>

Note: Mandatory where 'Reason for Adjustment' is populated.

Format: 8 digit numeric, CCYMMDD

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### Reason for Adjustment

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

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
SCPA ds	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021

A period of time for which the patient is either unavailable, for medical or social reasons.

Format: 1 digit numeric

Value	Meaning
1	Patient Unavailable – Medical Condition
2	Patient Unavailable – Social Reasons

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## Exception Adjustment Indicator

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

Data Set / Collection	Valid From	Valid To
SCPA ds	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021

This indicator along with the data item Reason for Adjustment will be used to isolate information for use in performance measures.

Format: 1 character alpha-numeric

Value	Meaning
Y	Indicates an exceptional adjustment
N	Indicates a non-exceptional adjustment

- c) Existing Data Items solely amended to identify their exclusion from the Single Cancer Pathway – Adjustments Data Set

The following data items are present in other data sets, therefore only need amendment to notify that they are no longer part of the Single Cancer Pathway – Adjustments Data Set, through the following additional text:

## NHS Number

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	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	
EAL ds	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2012
OP ds	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	
CC ds	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2007	
OPR ds	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2008	
EDDS	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2009	
PAP ds	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2013	
SM ds	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2014	
RTDS	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2014	
MI ds	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2016	
SCPC ds	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	
SCPA ds	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021

## Local Patient Identifier

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	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	
EAL ds	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2012
OP ds	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	
OPR ds	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2008	
EDDS	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2009	
PAP ds	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2013	
RTDS	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2014	
SCPC ds	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	
SCPA ds	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021

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## Organisation Code (Code of Provider)

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	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	
EAL ds	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2012
OP ds	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1999	
CC ds	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2007	
OPR ds	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2008	
DATS		
RTT	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2007	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2011
RTT-PTR	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2008	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2009
PP01W		
EDDS	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2009	
RTT (Combined)	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2011	
PAP ds	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2013	
RTDS	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2014	
MI ds	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2016	
SCPC ds	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	
SCPA ds	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021

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## Unique Pathway Identifier

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



<b>Data Set / Collection</b>	<b>Valid From</b>	<b>Valid To</b>
SCPC ds	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	
SCPA ds	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021