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<p><b>IRSS</b> <b>Information Requirements and</b> <b>Standards Sub Committee</b></p>	<p>Subject:</p> <p>Data Standards: <b>Definition of NURSE and MIDWIFE added to NHS Wales Data Dictionary and description of CONSULTANT CODE updated.</b></p> <hr/> <p>Implementation date: Immediate</p>
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### **DATA SET CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE**

**This paper gives notification of changes to be included in Version 2.4 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.**

#### **Summary of change:**

Definition of NURSE and MIDWIFE to be included in the NHS Wales Data Dictionary and description of CONSULTANT CODE updated.

<p><b><i>Change Proposal Reference No:</i></b> <b><i>IRSS/04/03/02</i></b></p>
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## DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE 63/2002 (W)

<b>Reference:</b>	IRSS 04/03/02
<b>Subject:</b>	Definition of NURSE and MIDWIFE added to NHS Wales Data Dictionary and description of CONSULTANT CODE updated
<b>Type of Change:</b>	Revision of NHS data standard
<b>Effective Date:</b>	Immediate
<b>Reason for change:</b>	No existing definition of NURSE or MIDWIFE in Dictionary.
<b>Background:</b>	On the 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2002 the UKCC ceased to exist. The successor body is called the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC). England issued a DSCN to remove any instances of UKCC within their Dictionary and replace with a reference of NMC. (Included in the definition of both a Nurse and Midwife). There was no definition of a Nurse or Midwife in the NHS Wales Data Dictionary. This DSCN therefore rectifies this.
<b>Effect on Data Dictionary:</b>	Changes will be included within the NHS Wales Data Dictionary Ver 2.4
<b>Summary of Changes:</b>	The definition of NURSE and MIDWIFE have been included in Ver 2.4 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary and also the description of CONSULTANT CODE has been updated.

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## CHANGES

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**Change Type:** *New definition included in TERMS*

### **MIDWIFE**

#### **(General)**

A person whose name is included in the Nursing and Midwifery Council register for nurses, midwives and health visitors, and who is contracted as a Midwife to a Health Care Provider.

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**Change Type:** *New definition included in TERMS*

### **NURSE**

#### **(General)**

A person whose name is included in the Nursing and Midwifery Council register for nurses, midwives and health visitors, and who is contracted as a Nurse to a Health Care Provider.

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**Change Type:** *Updated description within DATA ITEMS*

### **CONSULTANT CODE**

(APC ds99/ EAL mds/ General/ OP mds)

Nationally agreed form for consultant code. It is the GMC code for the Consultant or the GP acting as a Consultant or locum Consultant, which is the unique identifier.

Format: 8 character alpha-numeric

Value	Meaning
XXXXXXXX	Consultant code based upon General Medical Council registration number. The first character of the code begins with an alpha which is usually the letter 'C'. The 2nd to 8th characters are the GMC registration number.
<u>M99999998</u>	<u>Not applicable - Midwife</u>

For Dental Consultants who have not been registered with the GMC the Dentists Practice Board number has to be used prefixed with D.

If the patient episode is under the direct care of a Midwife the default Consultant Code must be M9999998 - Not applicable - Midwife and the Consultant Specialty Function Code must be '560'. See Appendix A

The remaining description is unchanged.

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