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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>IRSS</b> <b>Information Requirements and Standards Sub Committee</b></p>	<p>Subject:</p> <p><b>Data Standards: Re-use of Health Authority of Residence data item to facilitate coding of LHB Area of Residence on APC, EAL and Outpatient Activity MDS</b></p> <hr/> <p>Implementation date: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2003 (effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003)</p>
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### DATA SET CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE

This paper gives notification of changes to the Admitted Patient Care (APC ds99), Elective Admission List (EAL) and Outpatient Activity Datasets to allow coding of Local Health Board Area of Residence.

#### Summary of change:

Re-name of the Health Authority code of Residence data item to LHB Area of Residence. Version 2.4 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary will be updated to reflect the new structure.

<b>Change Proposal Reference No:</b> <b>IRSS(03) 10</b>
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## **DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE 39/2003 (W)**

- Subject:** Re-use of Health Authority of Residence data item to facilitate coding of LHB Area of Residence on APC, EAL and Outpatient Activity MDS
- Effective Date:** From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003 (to be implemented by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2003)
- Reason for Change:** In order to allow coding of Local Health Board Area of Residence changes are required to the Admitted Patient Care (APC ds99), Elective Admission List (EAL) and Outpatient Activity Datasets.

### **Background:**

With the dissolution of health authorities from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003 and the inception of LHBs as statutory bodies, (DSCN 16/03 (W)) it was necessary to re-issue guidance to re-direct the data flow to ensure business continuity. Therefore, WHC(2003)48 advised Trusts to send EAL and Outpatient Activity datasets to the local office of the Business Services Centre (BSC). The format and data items were to be unchanged. This would allow the BSC to process these datasets on behalf of the LHBs for management and other purposes.

WHC(2003)48 did not mandate any changes to the datasets themselves, but it recognised that this needed to be the case to facilitate the coding of the LHB Area of Residence. This was required for the wide-ranging needs to capture and report information by LHB, both locally and centrally, given the commissioning basis of LHB of residence set out in WHC(2003)19. It described possible changes to the datasets by either the introduction of an additional data item for LHB area of residence, or the re-use of the existing HA code of residence data item already contained in the datasets.

Since the issue of WHC(2003)48, an appraisal exercise has taken place following the formal NHS Wales standards process. This involved cost and impact considerations of any changes to the datasets. The work was co-ordinated by HIF in the Welsh Assembly, with input from Health Solutions Wales, the Welsh Health Information Managers Group and sub-group, and the Patient Episode Data for Wales (PEDW) Steering and Supplier Groups - which source from the APC data. Significant input was given by NHS Trusts who will need to make changes to local systems to meet the new requirement.

Following the exercise, a recommendation was put to IRSS to modify the EAL, Outpatient Activity and APC ds99 mandated datasets so that the existing Health Authority code of Residence on the datasets would be replaced by the first three characters of the LHB Area of residence code. This was agreed by IRSS at its meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2003.

### **Benefits**

The benefits of the change relate to the need to meet the political and business mandate to collect data and report activity by LHB. The chosen option was also the lower in cost and has been agreed by the Welsh Trusts.

## **Effect on the Data Dictionary:**

The APCds99, EAL and Outpatients datasets will be updated accordingly and will be included in Version 2.4 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

## **Summary of changes:**

The purpose of this DSCN is to advise the service of the process to implement this change.

- The HA code of Residence data item to be renamed to LHB Area of Residence.
- All data from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003 (For PEDW/APCds99 all episodes with an end date after 31<sup>st</sup> March 2003) will be required to contain the appropriate LHB Area of residence code, derived from the ONS postcode file.

## **Populating the LHB Area of Residence data item**

- In the first instance the patients Postcode, at their place of residence should be used.
- If the patient's postcode is blank or invalid then the Registered GP code should be used to obtain the GP Practice Code. (For PEDW/APCds99 the episode end date should be used to check against the OCS GP Practice file to ensure that the GP was active. If so, then the LHB allocated to the Practice postcode, identified by linking to the ONS postcode files, on the OCS GP Practice file should be entered into the LHB Area of Residence.
- If the record contains neither a valid Postcode nor Registered GP then the postcode of the Hospital site code of treatment should be used and mapped to the ONS postcode file to obtain the LHB Area of Residence as described in WHC(2003)48.

## **Data Items and Terms (Grouped by Data Set)**

<b>Admitted Patient Care Minimum Data Set (APC Mds)</b>	Update Data Item
<b>Outpatient Minimum Data Set</b>	Update Data Item
<b>Elective Admission List Minimum Data Set</b>	Update Data Item

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## CHANGES

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**Change type:** Update data item

### APC DS99

<b>Rating</b> 1=mandatory 2=optional		PEDW data item	Format/length
	<b>PATIENT DETAILS</b>		
±	HA Code of Residence	Yes	an3
1	<u>LHB Area of Residence</u>	Yes	an3 (first three characters of the LHB Code)

... remaining section of dataset is unchanged.

**Change type:** Update data item

### OUTPATIENT MDS

<b>Rating</b> 1=mandatory 2=optional		Format/length
	<b>PATIENT DETAILS</b>	
±	HA Code of Residence	an3
1	<u>LHB Area of Residence</u>	an3 (first three characters of the LHB Code)

... remaining section of dataset is unchanged.

**Change type:** Update data item

### EAL MDS

<b>Rating</b> 1=mandatory 2=optional		Format/length
	<b>PATIENT DETAILS</b>	
±	HA Code of Residence	an3
1	<u>LHB Area of Residence</u>	an3 (first three characters of the LHB Code)

... remaining section of dataset is unchanged.

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