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	<b>Implementation Date:</b> <b>October 2002</b> <b>(this is a retrospective DSCN)</b>

**DATA SET CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE**

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

**Summary of change:**

Changes to the KC63, completed by the Local Health Boards, to improve the presentation of information required for monitoring the call and recall programme by simplifying the data relating to screening intervals and clarifying the coverage statistics.

This document covers DSCN 31/2001 and DSCN 37/2001.

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## **DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE 05/2004**

**Subject:** Breast Screening Programme:  
Review of Return KC63 – NHSIA Annual Breast Screening Coverage Statistics

**Reason for Change:** KC63, completed by the Local Health Boards, to improve the presentation of information required for monitoring the call and recall programme by simplifying the data relating to screening intervals and clarifying the coverage statistics

**Type of Changes:** Redevelopment of the KC63 Return and changes to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary

### **Background:**

As part of the regular review of central returns, a Working Group was set up to review the NHS Breast Screening Programme (NHSBSP) statistical return KC63.

The KC63 return monitors the call and recall system established by Local Health Boards for screening the women resident in their area.

The purpose of the review was to consider whether or not the information currently collected on breast screening is now appropriate for the current state of the screening programme and, following publication of the NHS Plan and NHS Cancer Plan, fully meets the needs of the NHSBSP and the NHS.

The NHSBSP has been successful in the detection and treatment of breast cancer; mortality from breast cancer decreased by 21% between 1990 and 1998.

The Working Group confirmed the continuing of the KC63 return and made changes to 3 aspects of the form:-

- The age bands against which the information is reported have been revised.
- Part B, TIME SINCE MOST RECENT SCREEN has been deleted, with the exception of the information relating to women who have never been screened, which has been added to Part A as columns 5 and 6.
- The Early Recall information that was collected in columns 9 to 12 in Part A of the form has been deleted.

See Annex A for a layout and description of the KC63 return.

## **Impact in Wales**

KC63 is the breast screening coverage report and is produced from the NHAIS (Exeter) application. The revised form went live on the Exeter system in October 2002.

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

See Annex B for changes to the Data Dictionary

### **Clearance:**

IRSS have approved this change

### **Additional Information:**

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## ANNEX A - KC63 Changes

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### KC63 STATISTICAL RETURN FOR BREAST SCREENING

#### Changes to Table Parts

##### Part A1

First column titled "Age at first offered appointment" to include age groups

- 50 - 52,
- 53 - 54,
- 70,
- 71 – 74, and
- $\geq 75$
- Target age group is now 50-70

(These changes reflect changes to the KC62 Breast Screening tables).

The line numbers have been amended to 001 to 011 to accommodate the above changes.

- existing columns (9) to (12) about “Early Recall Episodes” removed;
- columns (4) and (5) from Part B of the form about “Never screened”, “Number of women selected” and “Number never selected” to be moved and become columns (5) and (6) on Part A1
- existing columns (5) to (8) renumbered (7) to (10);
- existing columns (13) and (14) renumbered (11) and (12);
- existing columns (15) and (16) “Women Screened”, “Number screened in period” and “Number screened in last 3 years” renumbered (13) and (14) and redefined to exclude Early Recall Episodes;
- introduction of new column (15) “Coverage % Women screened in last 3 years” (number of women who have had technically adequate screening results within last 3 years divided by number of eligible women).

##### Part A2

This part of the form remains unchanged

##### Part B

With the move of columns (4) and (5) about “Never screened” to become columns (5) and (6) on Part A1; the discontinuation of the collection of columns (6) to (12) “Time since last screen (from any source)”; and the discontinuation of column (13) “Total women screened”, Part B of the form is removed.

## Annex B - Changes to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary

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*Change type:* Add new chapter (under **Korner Returns**)

### Korner – List

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*Change type:* Add New Section (under **Korner – List**)

#### **KC63 – Breast Screening Programme Statistical Return, Resident Based**

The Department, NHS Breast Screening Programme (NHSBSP) and Regional Offices require information from Local Health Boards on the breast cancer screening status of their residents.

The information is used to assess performance. Information on screening is used to monitor progress towards achieving the Government’s target of a reduction in the death rate in the population invited for screening.

The return must be submitted by Local Health Boards in respect of women resident in their area as at 31 March. It is completed annually and submitted by the end of October following the end of the financial year to which the return relates.

The return is made up of 2 Parts:-

**Part 1: Cross Section Analysis of Population Coverage within period 1/4/xxxx - 31/3/xxxx**

**Part 2: Women with Open Episodes**

Additional information on the KC63 Return can be obtained from the NHSIA web site 'National Health Applications & Infrastructure Services'.

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*Change type:* Amend section

Add the following Terms to the section **Korner – Terms:** -

Cross Section Analysis of Population Coverage within period 1/4/xxxx - 31/3/xxxx – KC63

Women with Open Episodes – KC63

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*Change type:*

*New definitions included in TERMS*

**Cross Section Analysis of Population Coverage within period 1/4/xxxx - 31/3/xxxx**

**KC63**

KC63 requires information on the screening history of women who were resident in the Local Health Board as at 31 March.

All types of screening episodes taking place within the stated period are counted. However, a woman will only be counted once in each screening category, regardless of how many of episodes she has. An 'episode' may be the result of an invitation for screening, within the programme, or a referral for screening from outside the programme.

The age bands reported on are:-

<45

45-49

50-52

53-54

55-59

60-64

65-69

70

71-74

>75

Target Group 50-70

Total all ages

**Women with Open Episodes**

**KC63**

This counts the number of women with open screening episodes. An open episode is incomplete; that is, results from a screening test, either through an invitation as part of the screening programme, or through a referral outside the programme are still awaited.