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Date of Issue: March 2004

IRSS Information Requirements and Standards Sub Committee	Subject: To amend the All Wales Data Dictionary entry for the data term 'GP Code'
	Implementation date: Immediately

DATA SET CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE

Summary of change:

This DSCN gives notification of an amendment to the description of the data term 'GP Code' in the All Wales Dictionary. The change will be included in Version 2.4 of the All Wales Data Dictionary due for release 1st April 2004.

<i>Change Proposal Reference No:</i> <i>IRSS 04/03/05</i>
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DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE 13/04(W)

Reference:	IRSS 04/03/05
Subject:	Amendment to the data term 'GP Code'
Effective Date:	March 2004
Reason of Change:	Version 2.3 of the Data Dictionary does not state the referring and registered bucket codes to be applied to data item 'GP Code' where the GP is a MOD or Prison doctor.

Background:

Some Trust data submissions are failing VASS checks where the GMC code of a MOD or Prison doctor is placed in registered GP fields.

Version 2.3 of the Data Dictionary provides examples of bucket GMC codes but not which codes should be entered into the referring GP and registered GP fields in the case of referrals from the MOD or the Prison Service.

To clarify this situation, the Data Dictionary entry for data term 'GP Code' is to be updated with an explanation of which bucket codes should be applied to which field where the GP is a MOD or Prison doctor.

The referring GP code should be the bucket code of 'A9999998' for an MOD doctor; and 'P9999981' for a Prison doctor.

The registered GP code for a MOD doctor or a Prison doctor should be 'G9999981' – no registered GP.

The proposed enhancement to the GP Code data term entry is a close match to that for the NHSIA Data Dictionary.

Benefits of New Service:

The amended data term has the following benefits:

- Clearer explanation of the codes to be used to indicate referrals from the MOD or the Prison service.
- Reduces the risk of applying inappropriate GMC codes.

Impact in Wales:

This DSCN is notification of *clarification* of the data term entry for 'GP Code' in the All Wales Data Dictionary. There is no impact to information systems being used in NHS Wales.

The Data Term Definition:

The text below shows the new explanatory paragraph in italicised bold characters.

GP Code

(General)

For information

The Department of Health code for the GP.

Format: 8 character alpha-numeric

Value	Meaning
GNNNNNNN	A code issued by the Department of Health (DH) for practising GP's in Wales and England. The codes are available from the Information Products Division of HSW or via the Intranet service HOWIS
G9999981	No registered GP
R9999981	No referring GP
A9999998	MOD doctor refers
P9999981	Prison doctor

*****Note - MOD and prison doctors are not GMPs and should not be recorded as Registered GMPs. They can only refer (Referrer code). The registered GP is always to be recorded as 'G9999981'. The referring GP can be either 'A9999998' or 'P9999981' as appropriate.***

(N.B. existing text continues from this point unaltered).

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