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

DATA SET CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE

Summary of change:

To correct values to the 'Referrer Code' and 'Referring Organisation Code' data items which were incorrectly set in previous versions of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

These changes will be incorporated in the NHS Wales Data Dictionary version 2.6

This was originally raised and approved under Request Change Notification (06)04 v2.0.

Change Proposal Reference No: IRSS 20041126/01/OCC

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Reason of Change: The request proposes to include the NHS Direct value for Referrer Code in the Dictionary and to provide clarification of the value to be used for the NHS Direct referring organization code.

Background:

DSCN 38/2001, issued August 2001, was raised to introduce new codes to define NHS Direct referrals (Referrer Code and Referring Organisation Code). These codes were incorrect and the DSCN also omitted the introduction of a new code for Nurse referrals.

DSCN 38/2001 Amendment, also issued August 2001, corrected these errors but still omitted the introduction of a new Referrer Code for Nurse. Added to this, the NHS Wales Data Dictionary was not updated with these values, and remains as it was since before that time.

This has led to confusion within the Trusts regarding what values should be used for referrals from either a Nurse or NHS Direct, and the associated referring organization code.

This DSCN corrects and clarifies the confusion generated by DSCN 38/01 and DSCN 38/01 Amendment.

Impact in Wales:

The Data Dictionary data term definitions for 'Referrer Code' will change to allow for the correct distinction between a referral by a Nurse and a referral via the NHS Direct services.

Changes To The NHS Wales Data Dictionary:

Appendix A shows the current data dictionary entry.

Appendix B shows the proposed replacement entry for dissemination to the NHS Wales information community via this Dataset Change Notice (DSCN) and inclusion in the Data Dictionary version 2.6.

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Appendix A: Current Dictionary Entry

Referrer Code

(APC ds99/ EAL mds/ OP mds)

The code of the person making the referral. This may be a GMP, GDP or a Consultant.

If the referral is not from a GMP, GDP or a Consultant, use one of the default codes below:

Format: 8 character alpha-numeric

Default code:

Value	Meaning
M9999998	Midwife
N9999997	Nurse
S9999998	Self Referral

See [Consultant Code](#)

See [GP Code](#)

See [GP Code \(Referring\)](#)

Appendix B: Proposed Dictionary Entry

Change to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary are highlighted below in **bold** with additions shown with a blue background and deletions are shown using strikethrough.

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* Note:

- Emergency patients referred via NHS Direct will require the data item **Method of Admission** to have the value **27** ('Via NHS Direct Services').

The value for the data item **Referring Organisation Code** will be **RVCLA** ('NHS Direct - Wales')