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IRSS Information Requirements and Standards Sub Committee	Subject: To update definition of the Data Item GMC/GDC Registration Number
	Implementation date: Late 2000 (this is a retrospective DSCN)

DATA SET CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE

Summary of change:

To amend the data item 'GMC/GDC Registration Number' to reflect the latest coding for new GMC Registration Codes.

The change will be included in Version 2.6 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

Approval for this change has been granted by IRSS following documented recommendations submitted via Request Change Notification (08)04.

Version 2 of this DSCN overrides the previous version whereby the 'GP Code' had been incorrectly named as the data item to be changed.

<i>Change Proposal Reference No:</i> <i>IRSS 20041029/01/OCC</i>

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DSCN numbering format = sequence number/year of issue, (W) for Welsh DSCN's.

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Effective Date: Late 2000 (this is a retrospective DSCN)

Reason of Change: Version 2.5 of the Data Dictionary does not reflect the revised coding for new GMC Registration codes.

Background:

Older GMC codes were calculated by applying an algorithm to generate a check digit as part of the number. Since late 2000, the national LR (limited registration) & FPR (full/provisional registration) code format changes have dropped the check digit for new GMC Registration numbers.

The current version of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary (v2.5) contains a reference to the check digit algorithm.

The Data Dictionary will be amended to clarify that the check digit is no longer used when generating new GMC codes. However, given that a significant proportion of the pre-2000 registrant population is currently practising, the algorithm will remain in the text as a reference to explain the 'build' of the old format GMC codes.

Impact in Wales:

Version 2.6 of the Data Dictionary will include the latest coding format for new GMC Registration Codes.

The change to version 2.6 of the Data Dictionary will provide details of both coding formats of GMC/GDC Registration Number generated pre-2000 and post-2000.

Version 2.6 of the Data Dictionary will contain improved explanatory text.

Changes to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary:

Appendix A shows the changes to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

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Appendix A: Amendment to data item 'GMC/GDC Registration Number'

The following is the change to the definition of data item 'GMC/GDC Registration Number' (changes highlighted in **bold and underlined**): -

Structure

1) For GMC/GDC Registration Numbers generated prior to 2000:-

Previously the full 7 digit code for a fully or provisionally registered medical practitioner included a check digit as the final character.

The check digit was calculated as follows, this is for information only: -
first character

+ 3xsecond character

+ 7xthird character

+ 1xfourth character

+ 3xfifth character

+ 7xsixth character

The check digit is then the unit digit (last digit) of the result of this calculation.

e.g.GMC code 3214213. Check digit is computed by:

$$3 + (3 \times 2) + (7 \times 1) + 4 + (3 \times 2) + (7 \times 1) = 33$$

The check digit is 3, so this is a valid code.

~~**The General Medical Council (GMC) phased out the check digit in 2001.**~~

2) GMC/GDC Registraion Numbers generated following the LR (limited registration) and FPR (full/provisional registration) code format changes (late 2000), there is no calculation of a check digit.

Format:- Xnnnnnnn, where nnnnnnn is the complete reference number