

DSC Notice: 23/04(W)
English DSCN Equivalent: 06/2004
Date of Issue: December 2004

IRSS Information Requirements and Standards Sub Committee	Subject: Data Standards: Independent Providers Coding Structures
	Implementation date: As from 1 st January 2005

DATA SET CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE

Summary of change:

Changes to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary to support the new national code structures for 'Independent Provider' and 'Independent Sector Healthcare Provider' site codes.

The changes will be incorporated into version 2.7 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary due for release during mid December 2004.

This DSCN is in response to DSCN 06/2004 issued by the NHS Information Authority.

The main reasons for issuing this DSCN is to allow continuity of the mechanism for the provision of new organisation codes by Health Solutions Wales (HSW) and to maintain consistency with NHS-wide (all home countries) coding structures.

Change Proposal Reference No:
IRSS 20050311/01/OOC

The Information Requirements and Standards Sub Committee (IRSS), is responsible for approving information standards.

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Data Set Change Notices are available via the Intranet Service HOWIS <http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/> or by contacting the above address.

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

DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE 23/04(W)

Reference: IRSS 20050311/01/OOC

Subject: Data Standards: Independent Healthcare Provider Coding Structures

Effective Date: 1st November 2004

Reason of Change: To introduce revised coding structures for independent healthcare providers and bring Wales in line with National (U.K.) standards.

Background:

Effective information management is essential to support the patient care process and it aids the development of patient focused services. In order to monitor the care delivered by the NHS and independent healthcare providers, it is necessary to include activity in the information reported and to differentiate activity between NHS providers and independent healthcare providers.

The National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) has introduced a new coding structure for independent healthcare provider sites. Nationally (U.K.), these codes are prefixed with an 'N'. Currently, NHS Wales allocates independent provider site codes with a prefix of '8'. Nationally (U.K.), independent provider site codes with a prefix of '8' are limited to registered and non-registered nursing homes, independent therapists, independent hospices and charities.

Currently, the PEDW database holds information on inpatient and day case activity provided to NHS patients, regardless of where it is delivered. Data for the PEDW database is submitted by NHS Wales Trusts using the mandated Admitted Patient Care Minimum Dataset (APCmDs). One of the data items in the APCmDs is 'Provider Code', which is populated with the 5-character code of the organisation providing the treatment.

Impact in Wales:

To maintain consistency with national (U.K.) standards for the format of site codes for independent healthcare providers, NHS Wales will adopt the new coding structures.

Previous codes for private hospitals within Wales, with a prefix of '8', will be made inactive from 1st January 2005. Requests for new codes must be made to Sue Morris at HSW – (sue.morris@hsw.wales.nhs.uk).

Recently, 'N' codes have been allocated to the following independent healthcare providers in Wales: -

Code	Independent Provider
NT1W1	Bpas (cardiff)
NT3W1	Bupa Hospital Cardiff
NT3W2	Bupa Yale Hospital
NT4W1	Bmi - Werndale Hospital
NTYW1	Llanarth Court Hospital

These codes are registered by HSW and details stored on the Reference Data table for UK Organisations. These details match information maintained by NACS.

Implications of the change to Trust's and HSW systems has been sought, but no impact has been reported (See Appendix B)

Changes to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary

The following NHS Wales Data Dictionary table will be amended :-

Current Code Structure (under Appendix C – Organisation Codes; 1. Current Organisation Code Structure)

Appendix A contains details of the change.

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Appendix A: Proposed Changes

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

Current Code Structure

ORGANISATION TYPE	XAA	BB						
Regional Offices (Not applicable for Wales)	Y01-Y12 or S, Z with trailing zeros	Trailing zeros	A	N	N	0	0	
Local Health Board *	5 character code		6	A	N	0	0	
Business Service Centre	5 character code	Site Code	6	C	4	N	N	
<i>Scottish Health Board</i>			S	A	9	9	9	
<i>Northern Ireland Health and Social Service Board</i>			Z	A	0	0	0	
NHS Trust *	3 character code		R	A	A/N			
Special Health Authority (Not applicable for Wales)	3 character code		T	N	N			
Department of Health			T	D	H	0	0	
National Assembly for Wales			W	0	1	0	0	
Ministry of Defence			X	M	D	0	0	
NHS administration eg PHLS, PPA			X	N	N	0	0	
NHS Provider Site e.g. NHS hospital, clinic	NHS Trust code	Site code	A	A	A/N	A/N	A/N	
Independent Provider			N	T, V, W	A/N			
Independent Sector Healthcare Provider			N	T, V, W	A/N	A/N	A/N	
Non-NHS Provider Site † e.g. private clinic, nursing home Registered and non-registered nursing homes, Independent therapists, Independent hospices and Charities.		Site code	8	W	A/N	A/N	A/N	
SHA Site (Not Applicable for Wales)	SHA Code	Site code	T	N	N	N	N	
Military Hospital/Site	MoD code	Site code	X	M	D	A	N	

Health Commission Wales (Specialist Services)			W	0	1	H	C
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A & N are variable, where A = alpha, N = numerical - other characters are fixed.

* 3 character Welsh Trust and Local Health Board codes follow.

† Site codes for non-NHS **Welsh** sites are allocated by HSW and reported to the (OCS) of the NHSIA

Appendix B: – Impact of Change



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Impact Assessment of Changes

This form will assess the impact of a proposed change across all sections of the Information Products Unit.

<i>DSCN Ref.</i>	<i>Originating Change</i>	<i>Title</i>
23/04(W)	06/04(E)	Independent Healthcare Provider Code/Organisation Code
<i>Impact of Change:</i>		
To introduce revised coding structures for independent healthcare providers and bring Wales in line with National (U.K.) standards.		

Systems Impacted:-

Application	Team **	Impact	Estimated Effort (Days)	Init.
		No impact reported		

**** Team Abbreviations:-**

*DA – Data Acquisition
DP – Data Publishing
CC – Clinical Coding*

*CS – Client Services
SS – Server Services*