

**DSC Notice: 02/05 (W)**  
**English DSCN Equivalent: 31/04**  
**Date of Issue: January 2005**

<b>IRSS</b> <b>Information Requirements and</b> <b>Standards Sub Committee</b>	<b>Subject:</b> Data Standards - Renaming of the Organisational Codes Service (OCS) to National Administrative Codes Service
	<b>Implementation date:</b> Immediately

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**DATA SET CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE**

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**Summary of change:**

Changes to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary to support the renaming of the Organisation Codes Service (OCS) to the 'National Administrative Codes Service' (NACS).

This change will be applied to version 2.7 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

<p><b>Change Proposal Reference No:</b> <b>IRSS 20050305/03/OOC</b></p>
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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.

**Change Proposal Reference No. format** = year/month/sequence number (relates to when IRSS approved change)

## **DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE 02/05 (W)**

**Reference:** IRSS 20050311/03/OOC

**Subject:** Data Standards - Renaming of the Organisational Codes Service (OCS) to National Administrative Codes Service

**Reason for Change:** The Organisation Codes Service (OCS) was renamed as National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) and references to the OCS in the NHS Data Dictionary need to be renamed.

**Effective Date:** Immediately

### **Background:**

The Organisation Codes Service (OCS) was renamed as National Administrative Codes Service (NACS); from the 1st April 2004.

Instances of OCS have been removed by this DSCN, and have been replaced with instances of NACS throughout the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

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

Appendix A shows the proposed change to the dictionary and will be released in version 2.7 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

As this is textual changes to the dictionary, no impact to systems has been reported (see Appendix B).

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**Additional Information:**

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## Appendix A – Change to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary

Text which will be deleted is shown as ~~striketrough~~. and additions will be shown with a **blue background**

1) Under Data Items:-

### GP Practice Code (General)

A code which uniquely identifies the GP Practice of the GP.

Format: 6 character alpha-numeric

Value	Meaning
XAABBB	Code as listed for Practices in Wales. These are updated monthly by the Information Products Unit of HSW with information derived from The <del>Organisations Code Service (OCS)</del> <b>National Administrative Codes Service (NACS)</b> and can be viewed on the Health Reference Data Web Pages on HOWIS. Codes for Practices in England are available from the Information Products Unit of HSW
V81998	No referring doctor. Practice code of MOD doctor. Practice code if General Dental Practitioner (GDP) referring .
V81999	Practice code is unknown

See Organisation Code

Where a 5 character code is used, it should be left justified and padded with a space

See Referring Organisation Code

2) Under Appendix C; 1. Current Organisation Code Structure:-

† Site codes for non-NHS sites are allocated by HSW and reported to the (~~OCS~~) **(NACS)** 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>
02/05(W)	-	<b>Data Standards - Renaming of the Organisational Codes Service (OCS) to National Administrative Codes Service</b>
<b><i>Impact of Change:</i></b>		
The Organisation Codes Service (OCS) was renamed as National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) and references to the OCS in the NHS Data Dictionary need to be renamed.		

**Systems Impacted:-**

<b>Application</b>	<b>Team **</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Estimated Effort (Days)</b>	<b>Init.</b>
<b>No impact to any systems as this is textual changes in the dictionary only</b>				

**\*\* Team Abbreviations:-**

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

*CS – Client Services*  
*SS – Server Services*