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| IRSS Information Requirements and Standards Sub Committee | Subject: Introduction of Healthcare Resource Groups v 3.5 |
| | Implementation date: 1 st April 2005 |

DATA SET CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE

Summary of change:

This DSCN provides NHS Wales Trusts with instructions regarding the use of versions 3.1 and 3.5 of the Healthcare Resource Group (HRG) software.

This change notice is to be read in conjunction with Welsh Health Circular (2004) 060.

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| Change Proposal Reference No: IRSS 2005/06/03/01 |
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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.

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

DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE 03/05 (W)

Reference: IRSS 2005/06/03/01

Subject: Introduction of Healthcare Resource Groups v 3.5

Reason for Change: The Welsh Assembly Government has approved the migration to HRG version 3.5 for the financial year 2005-06 and beyond.

Effective Date: 1st April 2005

Background:

Up until 1st April 2005, NHS Wales has specified the use of Healthcare Resource Group version 3.1 for all recorded patient activity and programme budget returns. In England, version 3.5 has been in operation since 1st April 2004.

Welsh Health Circular (2004) 060 issued 16th August 2004 directed NHS Wales to group all patient activity and programming budget returns using version 3.5 from 1st April 2005.

Further information can be provided in the [English DSCN 36/2003](#).

Impact on NHS Wales

Grouping by Episode

- Use HRG version 3.1 for all Finished Consultant Episodes (FCEs) with an episode end date prior to 1st April 2005
- Use HRG version 3.5 for all FCEs with an episode end date greater than 31st March 2005.

Grouping by Spell

- Use HRG version 3.1 for spells with a discharge date prior to 1st April 2005
- Use HRG version 3.5 for spells with a discharge date greater than 31st March 2005.

Effect on the Data Dictionary:

There will be no change to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

Additional Information:

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