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<b>IRSS</b> <b>Information Requirements and</b> <b>Standards Sub Committee</b>	<b>Subject:</b> Data Standards: New Data Item: Record Id
	<b>Implementation date:</b> Immediately

**DATA SET CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE**

**Summary of change:**

A new Data Item 'Record ID' to be added to version 2.8 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

<b>Change Proposal Reference No:</b> <b>IRSS 20050603/02</b>
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The Information Requirements and Standards Sub Committee (IRSS), is responsible for approving information standards.

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

## DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE 04/05 (W)

**Reference:** IRSS 20050603/02

**Subject:** Data Standards: New Data Item: Record Id

**Reason for Change:** To reflect the complete file layouts of the mandatory data sets in the NHS Wales Data Dictionary

**Effective Date:** Immediately

### **Background:**

The Admitted Patient Care (APC) dataset was developed in the early 90s with the data item 'Record Id' positioned as the first data item in the dataset. This data item is used to identify the event for that particular record, that is, insertion, amendment, or deletion. The values given to the Record ID in APC (event identifier) were those used by the then current Hospital Activity Analysis system.

This data item was included in the layout of the APC in the NHS Wales Data Dictionary, but it was not added to the list of data items.

With the more recent development of the Outpatient dataset, it was recognised that these values did not reflect, in a logical way, what the event represented (L = New record, A = Amendment, C = Deletion). It was therefore, agreed that more sensible values be given to the Record ID in the Outpatient dataset and that they should be carried forward into future data set developments; these values are N to denote a new record, A for an amendment to an existing record, and D for a deletion. The layout of the Outpatient dataset in the NHS Wales Data Dictionary does not include the Record Id.

Some Trusts' members have requested that the dictionary be updated with details of the Record Id, so documenting the values used in each of the data sets.

This DSCN covers the inclusion of the Record Id in the layout of the APC dataset, and adds Record Id as a new data item.

The change does not impact on any changes to any organisation's applications or procedures; it is a cosmetic change to include additional information into the dictionary to provide clarification.

This DSCN originated from RCN (04) 05.

**Effect on the Data Dictionary:**

See Appendix A for changes to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

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**Additional Information:**

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## **Appendix A: Proposed Change**

a) New entry under 'Data Items (A-Z)' :-

### **Record Id**

(APC ds99/ OP mds)

Field to identify the type of record being submitted.

Format: 1 alphabetic

<b>MDS</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
APC	L	New record
	A	Amendment record
	C	Deletion record
OP	N	New record
	A	Amendment record
	D	Deletion record

Please note, there is no record id in the layout of the EAL mandatory dataset as this is a periodic census, providing a 'snapshot' on a specific date.

The values of the Record Id in the APC layout were originally used for the Hospital Activity Analysis reporting. With the commencement of PEDW (early 1990's) these same values were carried forward into the APC development. At the time of the O/P mandated dataset it was agreed that these values should adopt a more logical standard.

b) Under APC DS99, add link from field called Record Id to new Data Item 'Record Id'

c) Under OP MDS, add a new field at position 1 called 'Record Id', and link to new data item 'Record Id'.