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IRSS Information Requirements and Standards Sub Committee	Subject: To improve the grammar and layout of the Term 'Day Case'
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DATA SET CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE

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Change Proposal Reference No:
IRSS 20050901/06

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Background:

There is a level of risk in misinterpreting the definition of 'Minor Surgical Procedure' at present. The consequence of this is an increased risk of inappropriate determination of patient classification (e.g. declaring particular activity as being Outpatient rather than Day Case). This change will avoid the potential for confusion and to enhance definitions.

It was not necessary to conduct investigation to confirm this change as it involves simply an improvement in grammar.

Effect on the NHS Wales Data Dictionary:

This will improve the grammar and layout of the Term 'Day Case'. There is no definitional change or alteration to values associated with existing data items. Therefore there is no need to change the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

Appendix A: Proposed Change

Changes to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary are detailed below, with new text being highlighted in **blue**, and deletions being identified by **strikethrough**.

Day Case

(APC ds99/ General/ KO36/ QS1)

Patients who are admitted **electively** during the course of a day for treatment or care, which will not require an overnight stay in hospital and return **home** as scheduled. If this original intention is not fulfilled and the patient stays overnight, such patients should be then counted as ordinary inpatient admissions.

For an episode to qualify as a day case the following criteria must apply:

- a. The episode must be an **elective** one i.e. ADMISSION METHOD must be 11, 12 or 13.
- b. Not an overnight stay with intended management code (2)
- c. Treatment is supervised by a medical practitioner

In addition **one** of the following **must** also apply

- ~~a Use of a BED for recovery purposes that is, as a result of the patient condition, or following sedation or general anaesthesia.~~
- ~~b Minor Surgical Procedure – these are procedures, which are defined as the following:
 - ~~a Invasive – that is the introduction of an instrument or device not a needle into the body or a body cavity~~
 - ~~b Therapeutic endoscopic – the introduction of a scope into the body or body cavity for therapeutic treatment~~
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- ii. Therapeutic endoscopic – the introduction of a scope into the body or body cavity for therapeutic treatment
- iii. An extracorporeal operations – shock wave treatment i.e. lithotripsy and as defined in the OPCS Classification of Surgical Operations and Procedures, Fourth revision.

Conclusion

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