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IRSS Information Requirements and Standards Sub Committee	Subject: Re-definition of 'Attendance Identifier'
	Implementation date: Immediately

DATA SET CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE

Summary of change:

This change is to clarify the definition of the data item 'Attendance Identifier' in the NHS Wales Data Dictionary that the item must be completed for every appointment.

This change will be included in version 2.10 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

Change Proposal Reference No:
IRSS 20051031/08

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

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Subject: Re-definition of 'Attendance Identifier'

Reason for Change: To ensure that the 'Attendance Identifier' is completed for every Outpatient appointment.

Effective Date: Immediately

Background:

The Outpatient Data Quality project is aimed at ensuring that 14 key data items meet the national Data Accreditation levels.

The key used to uniquely identify a record in the Outpatient mandated dataset is made up of the following data items: -

Provider Unit
Local Patient Identifier
Attendance Date
Attendance Identifier

These data items make up the load checks for each record. If any of these data items fail the load checks the record will not be loaded onto the Outpatient National database.

The inclusion of the data item 'Attendance Identifier' in the record key covers the situation where a patient may have more than one Outpatient appointment on the same day. In this instance the Attendance Identifier is used to uniquely identify each Outpatient appointment on that day for that patient.

Currently, the definition in the NHS Wales Data Dictionary specifies that it must be completed for every Outpatient attendance, implying that, if the patient did not attend, this item does not need to be completed. This is incorrect as this item must be completed for every record submitted and for the record to be loaded onto the Outpatient national database.

Effect on the NHS Wales Data Dictionary:

Appendix A details the changes to the data item 'Attendance Identifier': -

Appendix A: Proposed Change

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

Attendance Identifier

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A sequential number or time of day used to enable an attendance **or appointment** to be uniquely identified.

Note:

If a patient is seen by a doctor, sent elsewhere for a test or X ray and then seen again by a doctor of the same Consultants firm during the same clinic session, it would be recorded as one attendance - not two.

Format: 12 character alpha-numeric

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