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WIGSB Welsh Information Governance and Standards Board	Subject: To change the reporting requirements of Angiogram waits.
	To cease the reporting of Angioplasties.
	Implementation date: 1 st December 2008

Summary of change:

The purpose of this DSCN is to inform providers and suppliers of the amendments to the monthly reporting structure of information regarding patients waiting for Angiograms including changing the time bands from monthly to weekly.

This DSCN will also inform the service to cease the reporting of Angioplasties.

Changes associated with this DSCN will appear in version 2.21 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

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Document Control

Version:	Changed on:	Owner	Details:
0.01	12/05/08	JE	Initial Draft
0.02	04/06/08	JE	Amended following the DSCN Subgroup held on 28 th May
0.03	14/07/08	JE	To instruct providers and supplier of the reporting structure for Angiogram and cease the flow for Angioplasties
0.04	10/09/08	JE	To include guidance on actions for BSC and other wording changes
0.05	25/09/08	JE	Further comments received from subgroup members following review out of committee
0.06	07/10/08	JE	Further comments received at DSCN Subgroup held in September
1.0	27/11/08	JE	Approved at November WIGSB

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- Reference:** WIGSB *IGRN 2008/011*
- Subject:** To change the reporting requirements of Angiogram Waits data.
To cease the reporting of Angioplasties.
- Reason for Change:** To support the Annual Operating Framework 2008/09 target set for Cardiac Referral to Treatment Time.
- Implementation Date:** 1st December 2008

Background:

The Annual Operating Framework for 2008/2009 sets a target for Cardiac Referral to Treatment Time:

- All patients referred by a GP or other medical practitioner to adult secondary or tertiary cardiology will receive definitive treatment within 32 weeks of receipt of the original referral by the receiving Trust.

The Cardiac Referral to Treatment target includes a milestone for Angiogram which is measured in weeks. Currently, the Angiogram data collection, which started in April 2005, is grouped in monthly time bands and cannot measure against this weekly milestone. Therefore, there is a requirement to change the time bands on the Angiogram data collection from monthly to weekly. This will bring the data collection in line with all other waiting times data collections, as will its inclusion in the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

The introduction of the Cardiac Referral to Treatment targets in the AOF means that there is no longer a requirement to supply the dataset on Angioplasties.

The data collection will be modified to remove Procedure Code, as the data collection will be confined to reporting angiograms, and to remove the Commissioner Code, retaining Local Health Board (LHB) in line with other waiting times return.

This data should be supplied monthly by Trusts to the Business Service Centre (BSC) who should then supply it monthly to the Health Statistics & Analysis Unit (HSA) of the Welsh Assembly Government. Following implementation these waiting times will be published in weeks rather than by months.

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Actions Required:

From 1st December 2008: -

1. Trusts to submit the monthly Angiogram data collection to the BSC by the 7th working day following the last day of the each month as per the new reporting structure as described in Appendix B & C.
2. Until further notification, Pre-2008 merger Trust codes should be used in the data item 'Trust Code'.
3. BSC should continue to forward Trust Angiogram data collections to HSA by the 10th working day following the last day of each month.

Changes to be applied to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary:

Table reflecting areas that are impacted as a result of this DSCN can be found in Appendix A.

Changes to be made to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary are highlighted in Appendix B.

Changes as they will appear in the NHS Wales Data Dictionary can be found in Appendix C.

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Appendix A: Table reflecting areas that are impacted as a result of this DSCN.

The following table show all Data Items, Terms and associated areas that are linked with the changes documented within this DSCN.

Data Definition Type	Name	New / Retired / Changed
Data Item	Data Reference	Changed
Data Item	Return Date	Changed
Data Item	Local Health Board (LHB)	Changed
Data Item	Weeks Wait	Changed
Data Item	Count	Changed

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Appendix B: Highlighted changes to be made to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary

Changes to the NHS Wales Data Dictionary are detailed below, with new text being highlighted in blue and deletions are shown with a ~~strikethrough~~. The text shaded in grey shows existing text copied from the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

a) Amendments to the ‘Scope’ section of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary:

This version of the Dictionary contains definitions pertaining to:

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Outpatient Minimum Data Set (OP mds)

Outpatient Referral Data Set (OPR ds)

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Angiogram Waiting Times

b) New Section ‘Angiogram Waiting Times’

Angiogram Waiting Times

Valid from 1st December 2008

Background

The Annual Operating Framework for 2008/2009 sets a target for Cardiac Referral to Treatment Time:

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The Cardiac Referral to Treatment target includes a milestone for Angiogram which is measured in weeks. In order to measure against the weekly milestone, it is necessary to change the reporting on the Angiogram data collection from monthly to weekly waits.

The Angiogram data collection has been flowing since April 2005, but with the change to the reporting requirements, details of the data collection have been included in the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

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At the same time, approval was given to cease the flow of data on Angioplasties to the Health Statistics and Analysis Unit, so resulting in a change to the reporting structure of the data collection. The inclusion of the procedure code was no longer required as the collection would contain waits for Angiogram only. The Commissioner Code was no longer required as it was not collected in any other returns.

Angiogram Waiting Times – Details of Return

All Trusts will supply aggregate counts to their local Business Service Centre (BSC) of patients who are waiting for treatment at their Welsh NHS Trust, split by Local Health Board (LHB). Furthermore, the BSC should aim to include data on those residents from its local area who are waiting for treatment at an English NHS Trust with the appropriate PCT being recorded in the LHB field.

The data should include all those patients waiting for inpatient or day case treatment under the following procedure code:

K63 – angiogram

Return Details for Trusts:

Trusts should provide data as per the reporting structure detailed below to their local BSC offices no later than 7 working days after the last day of each month. (Data for December will need to be supplied in a shorter timescale).

Files should be sent to the address supplied by their local BSC office.

All files should be sent in the form of a comma separated text file (csv format), i.e. in which the values in each field are separated by commas.

Files should be named as: AGxxxmmmyy.csv

Where xxx = the Trust Code

mmm = first three letters of the month to which the data relates

yy = last 2 digits of the year

Return Details for the Business Service Centres:

The Business Services Centre (BSC) will provide the data to the Health Statistics & Analysis Unit no later than 10 working days after the last day of each month as per the reporting structure detailed below.

Files to be sent to stats.health@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Files should be named as: AGxxmmmyy.csv

xx = the last two numbers of the BSC code

mmm = first three letters of the month to which the data relates

yy = last 2 digits of the year

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Both Trusts and BSC files will have the following format: -

Field Order	Format
Data Reference	2 character alpha
Return Date	Ccyymmdd
Local Health Board (LHB)	3 character alpha numeric
Trust code *	3 character alpha numeric
Weeks Wait	alpha numeric
Count **	Numeric

* - Trust Codes to be used are those which were valid as at 31st March 2008.

** If the count is zero for a week wait time band, a row for that weeks wait's data need not be submitted.

c) Changes to Existing Data Items

Data Reference

(DT Waiting Times/RTT/ PP01W/Angiogram)

This defines the record type within a return.

Must be one of the following:-

For Diagnostic and Therapy Services Waiting Times: -

Value	Return Type
IE	Inpatient Diagnostic Endoscopy
DE	Day Case Diagnostic Endoscopy
OE	Outpatient Diagnostic Endoscopy
DT	For all other specified Diagnostic and Therapy Services

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For Referral to Treatment Times: -

Value	Return Type
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CA	Closed Pathway Due to Admission
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For PP01W:-

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For Angiogram: -

Value	Return Type
IA	Inpatient Admission
DA	Day Case Admission

Format: 2 character alpha

Weeks Wait

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$(277-1)/7 = 39.428$ (equivalent to 39 weeks and 4 days). This will be recorded under the 'Over 39 weeks and up to 40 weeks (Day 274 – 280)' Time Band.

The definition for 999 is different within the RTT and PP01W collections. In the PPO1W it refers to suspensions and in RTT it refers to patients with unknown RTT start clock date. The correct definition must be applied to the relevant return.

Diagnostic and Therapy Waiting Times & PP01W: -

The count of waiting time will start from the waiting list date and end on the census date, which is the last day of each month.

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Weeks Wait	Time Band
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999	Suspensions (for PP01W submissions only)

Referral to Treatment Times: -

For open pathways, the length of referral to treatment time will be from the clock start date to the end of the census date, which is the last day of the month.

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See WHC (2006) 081 'Delivering a 26 week Patient Pathway' for definitions of 'waiting list date'.

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Angiogram: -

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