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WIGSB Welsh Information Governance and Standards Board	Subject: Reporting Assessment Unit Activity in the Admitted Patient Care (APC) Data Set.
	Implementation date: 1st April 2009

Summary of change:

To introduce reporting of Assessment Unit Activity in the Admitted Patient Care (APC) Data Set.

These changes will be applied in version 2.21 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

WIGSB Reference No: IGRN 2008/010

Welsh Information Governance and Standards Board (WIGSB), is responsible for approving information standards.

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0.01	19/08/2008	Rebecca Wells	First Draft of DSCN following production of Definitions Document. To go to sub-group 27 th August 2008.
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1.0	18/05/2009	Rebecca Wells	DSCN and Final Proposal Approved by WIGSB February 2009. DSCN issued to the service following release of the Ministerial Letter on the 18 th May 2009.

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WIGSB Reference: IGRN 2008 / 010

Subject: Reporting Assessment Unit Activity in the Admitted Patient Care (APC) Data Set.

Reason for Change: To ensure that there is a consistent approach to the recording and reporting of assessment unit activity,

Implementation Date: 1st April 2009

Background:

Assessment / Clinical Decision areas enable patients to be monitored and assessed by consultant staff earlier within their pathway, rather having to be directly admitted into a hospital ward from A&E or a GP referral. It is anticipated that the earlier intervention will result in a better service to the patient and more effective clinical decision pathway.

Presently some Trusts are admitting these patients and submitting this activity to the Patient Episode Database for Wales (PEDW), whereas other Trusts are admitting these patients onto their Patient Administration Systems but are not submitting to the national database. For those Trusts who submit data to PEDW there is no way to uniquely identify this activity. Therefore there is a requirement for a level of consistency to improve the comparability of Trusts' activity which is used for benchmarking purposes.

Assessment Unit activity will be collected and submitted by all Trusts via their Admitted Patient Care (APC) extracts to Health Solutions Wales (HSW). The data will therefore be available for analysis via the PEDW. All standard reports generated from this data source will therefore be able to be analysed with or without assessment unit activity according to the report's business requirement.

Actions Required:

1. Trusts to submit their Assessment Unit Activity within the Admitted Patient Care Extract using 'Local Sub Specialty'. See Appendix B for further details.

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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	Local Sub-Specialty Code	Changed
Term	Assessment Unit	New

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 ~~strike through~~. The text shaded in **grey** shows existing text copied from the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

a) Changes to existing Data Items

Local Sub Specialty

(APC ds99/ EAL mds/ OP mds/ PP01W)

A locally **or nationally** defined division of clinical work which may cross specialty boundaries.

Format: 3 character alpha-numeric

Value	Meaning
100	See Below
200	See Below
300	See Below
900	See Below
000	No appropriate sub specialty

Treatment Function Code	Local Sub Specialty Code
NNN Any	000 No appropriate sub-specialty 666 Assessment Unit
160 Plastic Surgery	100 Plastic Surgery (non burns) 166 Plastic Surgery (non burns) ASSESSMENT 200 Burns Surgery 266 Burns Surgery ASSESSMENT
170 Cardiothoracic Surgery	100 Cardiac Surgery 166 Cardiac Surgery ASSESSMENT 200 Thoracic Surgery 266 Thoracic Surgery ASSESSMENT 300 Paediatric Cardiac Surgery 366 Paediatric Cardiac Surgery ASSESSMENT
320 Cardiology	100 Paediatric Cardiology 166 Paediatric Cardiology ASSESSMENT
400 Neurology	100 Spinal Injuries 166 Spinal Injuries ASSESSMENT

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900 Other Neurology 966 Other Neurology ASSESSMENT

This local sub specialty code is a separate field, rather than an extension.

b) New Term

Assessment Unit

Assessment Units are facilities which fulfil all the criteria listed below;

- Afford the same privacy and dignity as inpatient wards in the hospital.
- Afford access to toilet and washing facilities.
- No staff or public thoroughfare through the area.
- Facilities for patients to securely store their belongings.
- Sufficient space between beds to allow visitors to be seated in comfort.
- Provision of hot meals and appropriate access

Where activity does not fulfil the above criteria it should not be considered assessment unit activity.

Appendix C: Data Items and Term as they will appear in the Data Dictionary.

Data Items

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