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DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE

A Data Set Change Notice (DSCN) is an information mandate for a new or revised information standard.

This DSCN was approved by the Welsh Information Governance and Standards Board (WIGSB) at its meeting on the 17th December 2009

WIGSB Reference: IGRN 2008 / 021

Summary:

To introduce the use of Healthcare Resource Group (HRG) 4 for central grouping of Admitted Patient Care (APC) data.

Data sets / returns affected:

None

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The Welsh Information Governance and Standards Board is responsible for appraising information standards. Submission documents and WIGSB Outcomes relating to the approval of this standard can be found at: <http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/page.cfm?orgid=742&pid=24632>

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Introduction

Healthcare Resource Groups (HRGs) are designed to be standard groupings of clinically similar treatments which use common levels of healthcare resource.

The purpose of HRGs is to offer organisations the ability to understand their activity in terms of the types of patients they care for and the treatments they undertake. They may be used to enable the comparison of activity within and between different organisations and provide an opportunity to benchmark treatments and services to support trend analysis over time.

HRGs were introduced to NHS Wales in April 2000. HRG version 3.5 has been in use since October 2003 in NHS Trusts, Powys Local Health Board and Health Solutions Wales (HSW).

The Information Centre for Health and Social Care in England has worked with various stakeholder groups including clinicians to redesign fundamentally the structure of HRGs. In England, HRG version 4 was introduced for Reference Costs from April 2006 and for National Tariff from April 2009.

In April 2009, WIGSB approved the use of HRG version 4 by HSW for the purpose of grouping APC data.

Description of Change

To introduce HRG version 4 into the NHS Wales Data Dictionary and associated definitions.

The HRG version 4 Grouper works on definitions that have been agreed by NHS England. There are certain data items which have Welsh variations and would generate invalid HRG4 codes. These ungroupable codes will be mapped to existing English codes during the exporting of data into the HRG4 grouper software which will be held in a new infrastructure table. The submitted values of these APC data items held in existing national databases will not be changed.

Data Item 'Source of Admission'

<u>Welsh Value</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Mapped To:</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
55	Hospital site within the same Trust - ward for general patients or young physically disabled or A & E department	51	Other NHS Trust - ward for general patients or young physically disabled or A & E department
56	Hospital site within the same Trust - ward for maternity patients or neonates.	52	Other NHS Trust - ward for maternity patients or neonates
57	Hospital site within the same Trust - ward for patients who are mentally ill or have learning disabilities.	53	Other NHS Trust - ward for patients who are mentally ill or have learning disabilities.
86	Non-NHS (other than Local Authority) run nursing home.	85	Non-NHS (other than Local Authority) run residential care home.

Data Item 'Admission Method'

<u>Welsh Value</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Mapped To:</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
14	Activity under the Welsh Assembly Government 2nd Offer Scheme (Originating Provider)	13	Planned
25	Domiciliary visit by Consultant	28	Other means, including admitted from the A & E department of another provider where they had not been admitted
27	Via NHS Direct Services	28	Other means, including admitted from the A & E department of another provider where they had not been admitted

Data Item 'Discharge Destination'

<u>Welsh Value</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Mapped To:</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
39	Penal establishment, court or police station	38	Penal establishment or police station
55	Hospital site within the same Trust - ward for general patients or the younger physically disabled or A & E department	51	Other NHS Trust - ward for general patients or the younger physically disabled or A & E department
56	Hospital site within the same Trust - ward for maternity patients or neonates	52	Other NHS Trust - ward for maternity patients or neonates
57	Hospital site within the same Trust - ward for patients who are mentally ill or have learning disabilities	53	Other NHS Trust - ward for patients who are mentally ill or have learning disabilities
86	Non-NHS (other than local authority) run nursing home	85	Non-NHS (other than local authority) run residential care home

This DSCN will remove the listings of HRG 3.1 and 3.5 codes from the NHS Wales Data Dictionary, and instead insert hyperlinks to the relevant Reference Data tables. Included will be a new link to the HRG4 table.

Data Dictionary Version

This DSCN will be reflected in version 2.21 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

Actions Required

HSW:

1. Introduce the necessary processes and infrastructure to support the use and the publication of HRG version 4 codes for data users.
2. Ensure that the current processes and infrastructure to support the use and publication of HRG version 3.5 codes are continued.
3. Ensure the mappings details of Welsh values to English values are included on all future HRG4 reports.

Local Health Boards/ Velindre NHS Trust:

1. Local Health Boards and Velindre NHS Trust must continue to submit HRG version 3.5 codes in the APC data set. Version 4 codes should not be submitted.
2. If organisations wish to use HRG version 4 at a local level they should ensure that they use the mappings described in this DSCN.

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
Appendix	Appendix I – HRGs	Changed

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.

Appendix I – HRG

~~HRG Version 3.1~~

~~HRG Version 3.5~~

HRG Codes can be viewed through the following link:-

New link inserted

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

Appendix I - HRG

HRG Codes can be viewed through the following link:-

<http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/home.cfm?OrgID=286>