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Sponsor: Director of Operations, Health and Social Services Directorate General	
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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) on the 12th May 2010

WIGSB Reference: IGRN 2010 / 03

Summary:

To reduce the scope of the Inpatient and Day Case Admissions and First Outpatient Appointments Waiting Times (PP01W)

Data sets / returns affected:

Inpatient and Day Case Admissions and First Outpatient Appointments Waiting Times (PP01W)

Please address enquiries about this Data Set Change Notice to the Data Standards Team in Health Solutions Wales E-mail: data.standards@wales.nhs.uk Tel: 02920502539

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

Local Health Boards / Trusts have been providing aggregated counts for waiting times through the PP01W monthly data collection over a number of years. They were instructed to include 'all their waiting lists' for Welsh residents waiting for inpatient and day case admissions and first outpatient appointments.

The focus of waiting times shifted to referral to treatment in the mid-2000s and monitoring of this started in 2007. Now that referral to treatment time data is considered robust and is published, certain elements of PP01W are no longer required to be collected. Following the consultation on 'Outpatient and Inpatient / Day Case Waiting Times' by the Chief Statistician, the final data collection of the full PP01W Return will be the data relating to March 2010 published on 13 May 2010.

Those specialties that are not within scope of the Referral to Treatment reporting should continue to be reported for Welsh residents waiting for inpatient and day case admissions and first outpatient appointments. Data relating to these specialties will continue to be published.

The specialties are:

- 700-715 All psychiatric specialties
- 315 Palliative Medicine
- 141 Restorative Dentistry (for inpatients and day case admissions)
- 142 Paediatric Dentistry (for inpatients and day case admissions)
- 143 Orthodontics (for inpatients and day case admissions)

Description of Change

To reduce the scope of the Inpatient and Day Case Admissions and First Outpatient Appointments Waiting Times (PP01W)

Data Dictionary Version

This DSCN will be reflected in version 3.1 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

Actions Required

From April 2010 Local Health Boards are required to submit the Inpatient and Day case Admissions and First Outpatient Appointments Waiting Times (PP01W) for only those specialties outlined in this DSCN. This relates to April data submitted in May 2010.

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

The following table shows 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 Sets / Aggregate Data Collections	Inpatient and Daycase Admissions and First Outpatient Appointments Waiting Times (PP01W)	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.

Inpatient and Day Case Admissions and First Outpatient Appointments Waiting Times (PP01W) – Details of Return

Field Order	Format
Data Reference	2 character alpha
Return Date	ccyymmdd
Organisation Code (LHB Area of Residence)	3 character alpha numeric
Organisation Code (Code of Provider)	3 character alpha numeric
Main Specialty (Consultant)	3 digit numeric
Local Sub-specialty Code	3 digit numeric
Weeks Wait	3 digit numeric
Count	numeric

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

Scope:

This data is required to be reported for the following specialties:-

141	Restorative Dentistry	Inpatients/day case admissions only
142	Paediatric Dentistry	Inpatients/day case admissions only
143	Orthodontics	Inpatients/day case admissions only
315	Palliative Medicine	
700	Mental Handicap	
710	Mental Illness	
711	Child & Adolescent Psychiatry	
712	Forensic Psychiatry	
713	Psychotherapy	
715	Old Age Psychiatry	

The Business Services Centre (BSC) will provide datasets relating to the last day of each month to the National Assembly for Wales no later than 10 working days after the end of the month. To enable the BSC to meet this timetable, Local Health Boards /Trusts should provide data to BSC local offices no later than 7 working days after the end of the month. (Data for December will need to be supplied in a shorter timescale).

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, and e-mailed to: stats.health@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Files should be named as: xxxxmmmyy.csv

Where: xxxxx = the BSC local office code

mmm = first three letters of the month to which the data relates, e.g. Apr for the first submission of data relating to waiting times at end of April.

yy = last 2 digits of the year