

WELSH INFORMATION STANDARDS BOARD

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DATA STANDARDS CHANGE NOTICE

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

This DSCN was approved by the Welsh Information Standards Board (WISB) at its meeting on 18th March 2021.

WISB Reference: ISRN 2020 / 002

Summary:

To introduce a new data collection to monitor the performance against the 28-day waiting time target for patients waiting for a first appointment for specialist Child and Adolescent Mental health Services (sCAMHS).

Data sets / returns affected:

None – new data collection.

Please address enquiries about this Data Standards Change Notice to the Data Standards Team in NHS Wales Informatics Service

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The Welsh Information Standards Board is responsible for appraising information standards. Submission documents and WISB Outcomes relating to the approval of this standard can be found at:

<http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/page.cfm?orgid=742&pid=24632>

DATA STANDARDS CHANGE NOTICE

Introduction

Specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (sCAMHS) waiting times data was previously collected via the Inpatient and Day Case Admissions and First Outpatient Appointments Waiting Times (PP01W) monthly return to the NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS). The definition used in the PP01W return was based on referrals from GPs to consultants only, where sCAMHS referrals can come from a number of different sources including: teachers or other school staff, health visitors, school nurses, social workers, or youth counselling services. The introduction of integrated service models in some areas of Wales means there are fewer, if any, direct referrals from GPs to specialist CAMHS. Consequently, under the PP01W definitions, only a small proportion of the actual waiting time picture was being captured for specialist CAMHS. As a result, it was decided in early 2020 that sCAMHS waiting times should be collected via a new data collection which would be submitted directly into the Mental Health policy team in Welsh Government. This new data collection included referrals from all sources, not just GP.

The Child & Adolescent Mental Health service offers a mixed service of primary and secondary mental health services as defined by the Mental Health Measure 2010. Primary and secondary service provision should form part of a continuum of care offered, with secondary care patients experiencing greater complexity, severity, and risk in their presentation.

Description of Change

To introduce and formalise the data collection to monitor the performance against the 28-day waiting time target for patients waiting for a first appointment for specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health services (sCAMHS).

Data Dictionary Version

Where applicable, this DSCN reflects changes introduced by DSCN and/or DDCN since the release of version 4.10 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

The changes introduced by such DSCNs will be published in version 4.11 of the NHS Wales Data Dictionary.

Actions Required

Actions for Health Boards / Trust:

- Ensure arrangements are in place to enable the collection of the information required in accordance with the definitions set out in this DSCN.
- Ensure that proformas are submitted monthly to the Welsh Government Delivery & Performance Division (hss.performance@gov.wales).

Welsh Government Delivery & Performance Division:

- On an annual basis, make the form available for Mental Health Services to complete and notify them of the deadline of the submission of data.

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

The following table shows where there are changes to the scope and/or definitions of applicable data sets, data items, terms and other associated areas that are linked with the changes documented within this DSCN.

Each data definition type is listed in alphabetical order and is shown in the sequence in which it appears in this DSCN.

Data Definition Type	Name	New/Retired/ Changed	Page Number
Aggregate Proforma	28 days Specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (sCAMHS) waiting time data collection	New	4

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.

28 days Specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (sCAMHS) waiting time data collection

Return Submission Details

This form should be completed by each Local Health Board (LHB) and submitted to the Welsh Government Delivery & Performance Division:

hss.performance@gov.wales

Local Health Boards to submit one completed pro forma per month, by the dates provided in the Definitions and Guidance section of the form. If the submission date falls on a weekend, Local Health Boards are required to submit on the next working day following the weekend.

Information should be provided in relation to all patients waiting for a first appointment for specialist CAMHS (treatment specialty code 711) at the end of each month.

Only children and young people aged 17 years 6 months and under at the time the referral was received by specialist CAMHS should be included in the waiting times and not the age at which any subsequent intervention begins. For example, if a patient was 17 years and 5 months old when they were referred for an assessment but was 18 years old when they attended the appointment, they would still be reported within this pro forma.

Local Health Boards are to report on a provider basis (i.e. for the services they provide as a Health Board) and not on a resident basis (i.e. for the residents of their Health Board).

The latest version of each form is available on the Welsh Government's Performance Management Website:

<http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/407/home>

Any further queries regarding the data collection forms should be directed to the Delivery & Performance Division, Welsh Government via e-mail:

hss.performance@gov.wales

Information Requirements April 2021 Onwards

Number of patients who are waiting for their first appointment for specialist CAMHS against the 28-day waiting time target.

This is the number of patients who are currently waiting for their first appointment for specialist sCAMHS which will start from the date which the referral was received by the specialist CAMHS team and end on the census date (i.e. the last calendar day of each month). The waiting times will be reported and grouped within time bands described in weeks up to 40 weeks wait. All waits beyond that will be reported in one group.

Waits should be categorised into the following time bands:

- Week 1 - Patients waiting up to 1 week (up to and including 7 days)
- Week 2 - Patients waiting over 1 week and up to 2 weeks (day 8 to 14)
- Week 3 - Patients waiting over 2 weeks and up to 3 weeks (day 15 to 21)

Etc.

- Week 39 - Over 39 weeks and up to 40 weeks (day 274 to 280)
- Week 40 - Over 40 weeks (day 281 and over)

When calculating wait times, the following guidance applies:

Clock Start Point is the date which the referral for a specialist CAMHS assessment is received by the Specialist CAMHS Service team.

Clock Stop Point the date which the first face to face or virtual first appointment as part of the assessment process takes place. This may be with or without the patient being present e.g. with the parent or guardian only.

Local Health Board Area of Residence is the local health board where the patient is a resident.

Provider Health Board is the health board who is responsible for managing the treatment of the patient.