

Information Standards Notice – Change

Acting under delegated authority from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, the Data Alliance Partnership Board (DAPB) has approved a change to an existing information standard for publication under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

You must comply with the change to this standard by the full conformance date specified below.

| Standard details | |
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| DAPB unique identifier | DAPB1521 Amd 89/2022 |
| Name | Cancer Outcomes and Services Data set, Version 10.0 |
| Approval date | 22 August 2023 |
| Publication date | 11 September 2023 |
| Standard definition | |
| Description | <p>COSD is a compiled data set, which provides the standard for secondary uses information required to support national cancer registration and associated analysis (at local, regional, national, and international level), as well as other national cancer audit programmes.</p> <p>COSD provides the standard for secondary uses and consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a set of individual data items, with their definitions • the assemblage of these data items into tumour specific discrete data sets • the means of flowing the data items • compilation of the data items into two reconciled data sets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Patient Pathway ○ Pathology <p>The data sets relate to all cancer patients, both adult and paediatric, in acute inpatient and outpatient settings, but does not include private patients or primary care.</p> |
| About this change | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New data items have been added or data items removed after extensive consultation with subject matter experts across all tumour groups and royal colleges. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throughout the data sets, choices have been added to help identify specific diagnostic or treatments episodes or parts of a pathway. These will also improve data quality and reduce misinterpretation and burden. • Many data items have been realigned across the data sets into the correct 'higher level' groupings, improving the structure and schema. This in turn enforces the addition of mandatory data items, improving data quality. • The data sets can now be easily maintained within each Trust, by using one of two data sets (depending on the department responsible for each data collection process): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COSD v10.0: this is the data excluding pathology, which the cancer services teams need to collect ○ COSD Pathology v5.0: this is mandated across all Trusts that supply these data in COSD XML directly from their pathology departments • Wherever possible, duplication across the data sets has now been removed and full explanations of how to collect these data within the new structure are provided within the user guides for each data set. |
| Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012) | NHS Services |
| Applies to | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cancer centres, cancer units and all other providers of NHS commissioned cancer services • organisations purchasing electronic systems for use in NHS commissioned cancer centres and NHS provider services |
| Impacts upon | <p>Implementation of this information standard impacts all health IT systems suppliers providing systems to the above providers; suppliers should work with their customers to determine necessary changes.</p> <p>Users of secondary data about cancer will need to review their current use and determine appropriate changes.</p> |
| Legal authority | This information standard is published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. |

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| | This information standard is the subject of Directions under sections 254(1) and (6), section 260(2)(d), section 261(2)(e) and section 304(9), (10) and (12) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (the 2012 Act) and Regulation 32 of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Constitution and Functions) and the Health and Social Care Information Centre (Functions) Regulations 2013 (the Regulations). |
| Link to further documentation | The Change Specification, Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS England website: www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dapb1251 Further guidance is published by the National Disease Registration Service (NDRS): https://digital.nhs.uk/ndrs/data/data-sets/cosd |
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