

Information Standards Notice – New

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

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

Standard details	
DAPB unique identifier	DAPB4066 Amd 108/2021
Name	Social Prescribing Information Standard, Phase 1
Approval date	25 August 2022
Publication date	16 January 2023
Standard definition	
Description	<p>This is an information standard commissioned by NHS England from the Professional Record Standards Body (PRSB) with the intent to establish consistency in information capture regarding social prescribing.</p> <p>Social prescribing helps people to stay well for longer, and is supported by the Government’s loneliness strategy, A connected society: A strategy for tackling loneliness (2018).</p> <p>Social prescribing in the community allows local agencies to refer individuals to link workers, who work with the individual, focusing on ‘what matters to me’ and connecting them with local groups and services.</p> <p>The NHS Long Term Plan commits that personalised care will become “business as usual” for the NHS and for 2.5 million people to benefit by 2023/24. ‘Social prescribing and community based support’ is one of the six components which make up this model and NHS England’s Comprehensive Model of Universal Personalised Care details how this will be achieved, with a target of over 900,000 people being referred to social prescribing schemes by 2023/24.</p> <p>The first version of this information standard is to mandate the use of the PRSB Social Prescribing</p>

	standard (version 1.0) in appropriate care settings, to achieve consistency of information capture relating to social prescribing activities. This will prepare care providers to be able to share relevant information which will be facilitated through a future version of this standard.
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services, Adult Social Care
Applies to	<p>All service providers in the following health and care settings MUST conform to this information standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Social prescribing services ○ General Practice ○ Acute health services ○ Mental health services ○ Community services ○ Social Care services <p>All other Service Providers including those who may make referrals to social prescribing services MAY conform to this information standard.</p>
Impacts upon	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.
Legal authority	This information standard is published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
Link to further documentation	<p>The Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS Digital website: www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dapb4066</p> <p>Further guidance is published by the Professional Record Standards Body: https://theprsb.org/standards/social-prescribing-standard/</p>
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Dates	
Implementation and conformance dates	Appropriate care settings should begin implementing this information standard from March 2023 and conform with the requirements by 31 March 2025.
Post Implementation Review date	31 March 2025

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