

## Information Standards Notice – Change

Following recommendation by the Standardisation Committee for Care Information (SCCI), the Department of Health has approved a change to an existing information standard formerly approved by the Information Standards Board for Health and Social Care (ISB), allowing publication under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

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

Further information about SCCI is available on <http://digital.nhs.uk/ISCE> or by emailing [scci@nhs.net](mailto:scci@nhs.net)

Standard details	
SCCI unique identifier	SCCI0090 Amd 24/2015
Name	Health and Social Care Organisation Reference Data
Acceptance date	27 July 2016
Approval date	05 August 2016
Publication date	17 August 2016
Standard definition	
Description	<p>The information standard provides reference data about the Organisations that comprise the health and social care services, including non-direct-care Organisations, primarily in England but also in the other UK-constituent countries.</p> <p>The data is distributed and uploaded to health IT systems. It supports user security, access control, messaging and is used as reference data for both operations and reporting.</p>
About this Change	
Description	<p>This release introduces a series of modifications to the existing organisation data interface in order to address some long-standing issues around: the imminent exhaustion of allowable code ranges; inflexibility around relationships and metadata about organisations; an outdated approach to release file formats and publication.</p> <p>The changes aim to address the known issues and increase the quality, flexibility and long-term viability of the data. They encompass:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• unique identifiers, with a single, unified standard structure of 5 alternating alphabetic and numeric characters (ANANA) with no inherent meaning. Concepts previously indicated through identifier structure will be addressed with new meta-</li> </ul>

	<p>data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• new meta-data for Primary Role and non-Primary Role(s) (encompassing Organisation Type and Subtype concepts respectively)</li> <li>• new meta-data for Relationships providing context via a set of Relationship Names</li> <li>• increased release frequency and simplified structure</li> <li>• move from flat-file CSV format, to XML.</li> </ul> <p>This release also introduces a change of name for the information standard. SCCI0090 was originally named <i>Organisation Data Service</i> after the issuing authority and service that maintains Organisation Reference Data. As this change has re-baselined the subject data and introduced a new approach, it establishes SCCI0090 as the fundamental information standard for Organisation. To complement this, the opportunity has been taken to rename it <i>Health and Social Care Organisation Reference Data</i>, to be more representative of the subject data.</p>
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	Health Services, NHS Services, Adult Social Care
Applies to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NHS Trusts</li> <li>• Primary Care Organisations</li> <li>• Commissioning Organisations</li> <li>• Independent Sector Healthcare Organisations</li> <li>• Healthcare Organisations in all other UK-Constituent Countries</li> <li>• Local Authorities</li> <li>• Arms-Length Bodies</li> <li>• Government Departments and Non-Departmental National Bodies</li> <li>• Executive Agencies</li> </ul>
Impacts Upon	<p>This change is likely to directly impact any individual, organisation or other body engaged in supplying, contracting to, or otherwise interacting with, health and social care that makes use of Health and Social Care Organisation Reference Data either currently or in the future.</p>
Legal authority	<p>This information standard is published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.</p>
Link to further documentation	<p>The Requirements Specification, Implementation Guidance and the Change Specification are available on the NHS Digital website: <a href="http://digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/scci0090">http://digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/scci0090</a></p> <p>Further guidance is published by NHS Digital: <a href="http://systems.digital.nhs.uk/data/ods/interfacechanges">http://systems.digital.nhs.uk/data/ods/interfacechanges</a></p>
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Dates	
Implementation date	Implementation should start from 24 February 2017 to coincide with the introduction of the XML schema.  1 April 2020 will see the introduction of the new identifier structure.
Full conformance date	26 November 2021
Post Implementation Review date	01 October 2017

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