

# NHS Data Model and Dictionary



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## Background:

The Organisation Data Service: Health and Social Care Organisation Reference Data Information Standard was published as: [SCCI0090: Health and Social Care Organisation Reference Data](#).

An update to this Information Standard sets out the requirement to change the method by which future updates to Organisation Reference Data are delivered. It outlines the introduction of an Application Programming Interface (API) for daily updates of the data in addition to releasing monthly updates via Technology Reference data Update Distribution (TRUD).

This Change Request adds a note to the NHS Data Model and Dictionary item "Health and Social Care Organisation Reference Data" to support the Information Standard.

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## Summary of changes:

### **Supporting Information**

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**Sponsor:** Rob Shaw, Chief Operating Officer, NHS Digital

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## HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ORGANISATION REFERENCE DATA

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Note: [Health and Social Care Organisation Reference Data](#) is governed by the fundamental standard for "Health and Social Care Organisation Reference Data" (HSC Org Ref Data).

The ~~[Health and Social Care Organisation Reference Data](#)~~ is ~~issued to NHS users via [Technology Reference Data Update Distribution \(TRUD\)](#)~~. The [Health and Social Care Organisation Reference Data](#) is issued to NHS users monthly via [Technology Reference Data Update Distribution \(TRUD\)](#).

Updates to the [Health and Social Care Organisation Reference Data](#) are also available daily via the [Organisation Data Service \(ODS\)](#) website at: [Application Programming Interfaces \(APIs\)](#) for the [Organisation Data Service](#).

Where valid [Health and Social Care Organisation Reference Data](#) is required but is not available or not known, an [Organisation Data Service Default Code](#) can be used to provide a substitute value.

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