

Information Standards Notice – New

The Data Alliance Partnership Board (DAPB), which holds delegated authority from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, 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	DAPB4013 Amd 5/2021
Name	Medicine and Allergy/Intolerance Data Transfer, Version 1.0
Approval date	30 September 2021
Publication date	30 September 2021
Standard definition	
Description	<p>This new information standard for interoperability, commissioned by NHSX, sets out the definitions that are to be used when a health care professional sends or receives patient medication and allergy/intolerance data, by computer system, between care locations.</p> <p>NHS Digital Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) and specifications provide the definitions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how the send and receive messages are constructed • how the data within is structured so that it is machine-readable. <p>The purpose is to ensure that medication and allergy and/or intolerance data is transferred between systems and locations in a machine-readable format. This will be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transferring medication information using the newest UK version of FHIR (Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources) • the usage of dose syntax to transfer the amount of medication per dose as a simple coded quantity • transferring allergy/intolerance information using SNOMED CT and dm+d codes.
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	Health Services, NHS Services
Applies to	<p>All NHS care locations that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • need to know a patient's current medicines and allergies/intolerance • prescribe, dispense or administer medicines • use computer systems that could send or receive this information

	<p>are in scope of this information standard.</p> <p>This includes (but is not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acute trusts • ambulance trusts • community trusts • mental health trusts • specialist trusts • GP practices • community pharmacies.
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	The Requirements Specification is available on the NHS Digital website: www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dapb4013
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Dates	
Implementation and conformance dates	<p>Implementation of this information standard will be supported by NHS Digital from 1 October 2021.</p> <p>31 March 2023 is the full conformance date, at which point all users transferring medication and allergy/intolerance data by computer must comply; similarly, all new implementations of medication and allergy/intolerance data transfer by computer after 31 March 2023 must comply with this standard.</p> <p>Note that it is not assumed that all in-scope locations will implement the standard by 31 March 2023; there will be leeway for those organisations which need to procure and install a suitable IT system.</p>
Post Implementation Review date	31 March 2024

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