

## 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, for 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.

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Standard details	
SCCI unique identifier	SCCI1521 Amd 1/2016
Name	Cancer Outcomes and Services Data set, Version 7.0
Acceptance date	27 July 2016
Approval date	03 August 2016
Publication date	17 August 2016
Standard definition	
Description	<p>The Cancer Outcomes and Services Data set (COSD) is a compiled dataset which provides the standard for secondary uses information required to support implementation and monitoring of <i>Improving Outcomes: a Strategy for Cancer</i>.</p> <p>This information standard consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A set of individual data items, with their definitions.</li> <li>• The assemblage of these data items into collection areas.</li> <li>• The means of flowing the data items.</li> <li>• Compilation of the data items into a single reconciled and verified data set.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, it incorporates the National Cancer Waiting Times Monitoring Data set (NCWTMDS) and items from the Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy Data set (SACT) and the Radiotherapy Data set (RTDS), all of which also remain as separate standards.</p> <p>Public Health England has responsibility for the support, maintenance and development of COSD.</p>
About this Change	
Description	This change to the Cancer Outcomes and Services Data set (COSD) introduces some amendments and re-alignments to the current dataset, a formalised pathology specific dataset (as a subset) and a

	<p>revision of the current schema specification in order to continue to meet the business objectives of the standard.</p> <p>The specific changes are:</p> <p><b>Relax mandation:</b> In order to prevent valid data being withheld due to the reporting methodology of XML, the schema specification continues to be relaxed (as per v6.0) for all data (except linkage items) from ‘mandatory’ to ‘required’. This will support registration processes and provide early identification of gaps in data.</p> <p><b>Extend scope:</b> There is a renewed commitment within v7.0 to encourage Trusts to record all recurrences, with a minimal collection of demographic and diagnosis data only.</p> <p><b>Changes to dataset:</b> In order to align with current business needs and clinical practice and to support data quality, various changes have been made to the data set as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 84 new data items have been added.</li> <li>• 4 data items have been upgraded from pilot to optional, two to support the collection of holistic needs assessment data.</li> <li>• 92 data items have been deleted of which 70 were to remove duplication within the dataset.</li> <li>• 6 Pathology data items have been deleted and 1 amended to align with changes in clinical practice or other datasets.</li> <li>• 1 data item has been updated to meet recommended NHS practice on recording of gender.</li> <li>• 62 data items have been re-aligned within the dataset, to ensure correct data nesting within the XML schema.</li> <li>• 14 data items have minor modifications for better synchronisation with the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.</li> <li>• 127 data items have been moved to different sections.</li> </ul>
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	NHS Services
Applies to	<p>Cancer centres, cancer units and all other providers of NHS commissioned cancer services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the dataset relates to all cancer patients, both adult and paediatric, in acute inpatient and outpatient settings.</li> </ul>
Impacts Upon	<p>Developers and suppliers of electronic systems for use in NHS commissioned cancer centres and NHS provider services should work with their customers to determine necessary changes.</p> <p>Organisations purchasing electronic systems for use in NHS commissioned cancer centres and NHS provider services should ensure procurement documents are updated as appropriate to note the latest version of this dataset.</p>

	<p>Users of secondary data about cancer at both national and local levels should assess the impact upon usage and publication requirements. Such users include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At a national level: the Department of Health, the National Cancer Registration and Analysis Service and other appropriate national information, research and service planning organisations, e.g. NHS Digital, Cancer Programme Board, Care Quality Commission (CQC), NHS Improvement, Public Health Observatories (PHOs).</li> <li>At a local level: Cancer Networks, Commissioners and Provider Organisations.</li> </ul>
Legal authority	<p>This information standard is published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.</p> <p>The dataset contains sensitive and patient-identifiable information items. The Confidentiality Advisory Group (CAG) of the Health Research Authority (HRA) has confirmed that reporting of patient identifiable data is covered under the <i>Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002</i>.</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/scci1521">http://digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/scci1521</a></p> <p>Further guidance is published by Public Health England: <a href="http://www.ncin.org.uk/collecting_and_using_data/data_collection/cosd">http://www.ncin.org.uk/collecting_and_using_data/data_collection/cosd</a></p> <p>The XML Schema is available for download from the Technology Reference Data Update Distribution Service (TRUD) at: <a href="https://isd.hscic.gov.uk/trud3/user/authenticated/group/101/pack/36">https://isd.hscic.gov.uk/trud3/user/authenticated/group/101/pack/36</a></p>
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<b>Dates</b>	
Implementation date	Implementation must commence on publication of this Information Standards Notice, in order to allow collection of the revised data set to start on 1 April 2017.
Full conformance date	1 July 2017
Post Implementation	18 August 2017

Review date	
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