

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://content.digital.nhs.uk/ISCE> or by emailing scci@nhs.net

Standard details	
SCCI unique identifier	SCCI1570 (Amd 20/2015)
Name	HIV and AIDS Reporting System (HARS) Change
Acceptance date	29/06/2016
Approval date	28/09/2016
Publication date	31/10/2016
Standard definition	
Description	<p>The HIV and AIDS Reporting System (HARS) is a dataset that underpins national HIV surveillance. It is a quarterly reported patient level dataset capturing all HIV attendances in NHS funded outpatient services.</p> <p>The HARS dataset is used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform the public health response and policy formulation for HIV in England. • Identify the groups at risk of HIV infection in England • Monitor the short and long term clinical outcomes of people living with HIV infection. • Monitor the effectiveness of the national policies and guidance. • Adapt and refine interventions, as appropriate. <p>Secondary analyses allow the production of aggregate outputs that are used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directly support the commissioning of HIV services through collation of data. • Inform the national HIV outpatient tariff for payment by results. • Conduct performance management at the local authority and national level.
About this Change	
Description	HIV is a rapidly evolving field and the changes included in

	<p>this release are to ensure the dataset is up to date with the developments in diagnosis and treatment and remains fit for purpose.</p> <p>The changes are categorised into 3 groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Addition of new data items 2. Amendment of existing data items 3. Retirement of data items
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	Health Services, NHS Services, Local Authorities
Applies to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff working in HIV and GUM clinics that provide care to HIV outpatients • Scientific and public health staff working at Public Health England • Local authorities, primary care trusts, commissioners, strategic health authority and Department of Health staff concerned with planning services and managing performance.
Impacts Upon	Implementation of the change to this information standard impacts all health IT systems suppliers providing systems to the above providers; suppliers should work with their customers to determine and implement necessary changes.
Legal authority	<p>This information standard is published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.</p> <p>NHS England holds contractual agreements with all Trusts providing HIV care specifying the requirement to submit timely HARS data to PHE for surveillance and commissioning purposes.</p>
Link to further documentation	<p>The Requirements Specification, Implementation Guidance and the Change Specification are available on the NHS Digital website:</p> <p>http://content.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/SCCI1570</p> <p>Further guidance is published by Public Health England: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/hiv-surveillance-systems</p>
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Dates	
Implementation date	01/11/2016
Full conformance date	31/03/2017
Post Implementation Review date	31/03/2018

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