

Public Sector Information Domain Team Data Standards Working Group –
Change Control Process

Annex B: Request for change to an existing GDS or proposal for a new GDS
(To be completed by the business area raising the change request)

REQUEST FOR CHANGE TO AN EXISTING GOVERNMENT DATA STANDARD
Unique change control reference number: 008
Request for change/development agreed by all internal stakeholders? NO
DEFINITION OF STANDARD: Person Birth Date
REQUEST RAISED BY: Jim Wrigley, PDCS Identity Management Programme, Holborn House, Caxton Road, Fulwood, Preston. Tel No. 01772 234062
REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE: To include new types of verification that have been identified and to acknowledge the introduction of a new form of Birth Certificate.
EXACT WORDING OF CHANGE REQUESTED: Description – Amend to read: “The date on which a person was born or is officially deemed to have been born.” Verification – Add the following at Level 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Birth certificate issued by Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Full British consular, embassy or high commission)”• “Birth certificate issued by the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen under the Merchant Shipping Act 1995” Comments – Add the following comment: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “With effect from 1st September 2009 a new form of birth certificate was introduced in England and Wales. The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 provides for a mother’s female partner to be regarded as the child’s other parent where the child was conceived as a result of assisted reproduction treatment received on or after 6th April 2009. Consequently, the Registration of Births and Deaths Regulations 1987 have been amended to allow the mother’s female partner to be registered on the birth certificate as the child’s other parent. In these circumstances, the heading space 4 of the birth certificate will be ‘PARENT’ and not ‘FATHER’, as is the case with heterosexual parents. The new birth certificate is accepted by the GRO and, therefore, meets Verification Level 2.”
IMPACT OF NOT MAKING CHANGE: Valid verification sources of Person Birth Date may be rejected as verification documents or not afforded the level of verification that they satisfy.
AREA(S) AFFECTED BY CHANGE: All areas using this GDS for Person Birth Date verification purposes.
Change Request received by Chair: 29.09.09