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DATA SET CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE

This paper informs users of changes to the NHS Data Dictionary.

Summary of Changes:

Change to NHS Data Dictionary definition of Referral Request Received Date to clarify its use for a referral received electronically.

The NHS Information Standards Board (ISB) is responsible for approving information standards. The ISB output related to the assurance and sign-off of this standard can be found at <http://www.isb.nhs.uk/docs/DSCN02-2006output.pdf>

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Change Request

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Reference:	Change Request 767
Version No:	1.7
Subject:	Referral Request Received Date
Type of Change:	Changes to NHS Data Standards
Effective Date:	Immediate
Reason for Change:	To clarify the definition of Referral Request Received Date for referrals received through electronic referral and booking systems, such as Choose and Book.

Background:

The current NHS Data Dictionary definition of Referral Request Received Date states the waiting time for a first out-patient appointment should be calculated from the date when the referral request is received.

Following the introduction of electronic booking systems, for example the Choose and Book Electronic Booking System, the definition has been amended to clarify the date the out-patient waiting time starts for a referral received electronically.

Summary of changes:

Attribute Definitions

[REFERRAL REQUEST RECEIVED DATE](#) Change to Description

Data Elements

[REFERRAL REQUEST RECEIVED DATE](#) Change to Description

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Note: New text is indicated with blue highlighting. Deleted text is indicated by a strikethrough. Within the Diagrams deleted classes and relationships are red, changed items are blue and new items are green.

REFERRAL REQUEST RECEIVED DATE

Change to Attribute: Change to Description

~~This records the date the REFERRAL REQUEST was received.~~ This records the date the REFERRAL REQUEST was received by the Health Care Provider.

This attribute is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	REFERRAL REQUEST RECEIVED DATES

REFERRAL REQUEST RECEIVED DATE

Change to Data Element: Change to Description

Format/length:	see DATE
HES item:	
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

Notes:

~~The waiting time for a first out-patient appointment should be calculated from the date when the referral request is received. Letters must therefore be opened and date stamped on the day of receipt. It is this date that must be entered on any PAS or similar system, not the date on which the information is fed into the system if this is later than the date of receipt.~~ The waiting time for a first Out-Patient Appointment should be calculated from the date when the REFERRAL REQUEST is received.

For electronic REFERRAL REQUESTS the REFERRAL REQUEST RECEIVED DATE is the date the REFERRAL REQUEST is received electronically by the Health Care Provider. For Choose and Book, the referral is received when the PATIENT's Unique Booking Reference Number (UBRN) is used to book the first outpatient appointment slot (i.e. converted).

~~If the referral request takes the form of a phone call followed by a letter, record the date when the letter arrives.~~ For written REFERRAL REQUESTS letters must be opened and date stamped on the day of receipt. It is this date that must be entered on any PAS or similar system, not the date on which the information is fed into the system if this is later than the date of receipt.

If the REFERRAL REQUEST takes the form of a phone call followed by a letter, record the date when the letter arrives. If there is no following letter, the date of the verbal request should be recorded.

This data element is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	REFERRAL REQUEST RECEIVED DATES

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