

Sponsor Organisation:		Implementation Date: Immediate	
<h1>NHS Connecting for Health</h1>		Subject:	
		Data Standards: Amendment to Doctor Index Number (DIN) Description	
DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE			
<p>This paper informs users of changes to the NHS Data Model or the NHS Data Dictionary that have been approved by the NHS Information Standards Board</p>			
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The NHS Data Dictionary states that the Doctor's Index Number (DIN) is allocated by the Department of Health.</p> <p>This is incorrect; from 2005 the Health and Social Care Information Centre (known as the Information Centre for health and social care) took over responsibility for allocation of the Doctor's Index Number.</p> <p>This Data Set Change Notice updates the description of the attribute Doctor's Index Number in the NHS Data Dictionary.</p>			
<p>Datasets / return affected:</p>			
<p>Related DSCNs</p>			
<p>Impact of Change:</p>			
Service: Minor		System Suppliers: Minor	
<p>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 – www.isb.nhs.uk/docs/DINoutput.pdf</p> <p>The ISB submission documents relating to the approval of this standard can be found at http://www.isb.nhs.uk/docs/DINsubmission.pdf</p> <p>More information about the ISB can be found at www.isb.nhs.uk Data set change notices can be found at www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/dscn</p>			

Change Request

NHS Connecting for Health

NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service

Reference:	Change Request 880
Version No:	1.0
Subject:	Amendment to Doctor Index Number (DIN) Description
Type of Change:	Changes to NHS Data Standards
Effective Date:	Immediate
Reason for Change:	The Doctor's Index Number (DIN) is no longer allocated by the Department of Health.

Background:

The NHS Data Model and Dictionary states that the Doctor's Index Number (DIN) is allocated by the Department of Health.

This is incorrect; from 2005 the Health and Social Care Information Centre (known as the Information Centre for health and social care) took over responsibility for allocation of the Doctor's Index Number.

This Data Set Change Notice updates the description of the attribute Doctor's Index Number in the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.

Summary of changes:

Attribute Definitions

[DOCTOR INDEX NUMBER \(DIN\)](#) Change to Description

Date: 22 August 2007

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Note: New text is shown with a blue background. Deleted text is crossed out. Within the Diagrams deleted classes and relationships are red, changed items are blue and new items are green.

DOCTOR INDEX NUMBER (DIN)

Change to Attribute: Change to Description

~~The General Medical Council (GMC) allocates all doctors a GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER when they qualify.~~ The General Medical Council (GMC) allocates all doctors a GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) NUMBER when they first register with the General Medical Council.

~~If a doctor chooses to enter general practice in England or Wales, a further 6-digit number is allocated by the Department of Health.~~ If a doctor chooses to enter general practice in England or Wales, a further 6-digit number is allocated by the Health and Social Care Information Centre (known as the Information Centre for health and social care). This number is referred to as the DOCTOR INDEX NUMBER (DIN).

The DOCTOR INDEX NUMBER (DIN) is passed to the NHS Business Services Authority (BSA) Prescription Pricing Division (PPD), which adds a leading character and a check digit to create the GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER (GMP) PPD CODE. The NHS BSA PPD use this for the issue of prescription pads, etc.

A doctor can be both a GENERAL PRACTITIONER and a Hospital Consultant, and therefore hold a DOCTOR INDEX NUMBER (DIN), GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER (GMP) PPD CODE and a CONSULTANT CODE simultaneously.

Doctor Index Number Code Table

Practitioner Code Type	Character Position						Allocated By	Allocated To	Known As	Notes
	1	2	3	4	5	6				
Doctor Index Number	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	Dept of Health	GMPs in England & Wales	DIN	Allocated to a doctor upon applying to enter General Practice in England or Wales
Doctor Index Number	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	Health and Social Care Information Centre (known as the Information Centre for health and social care)	GMPs in England & Wales	DIN	Allocated to a doctor upon applying to enter General Practice in England or Wales

This attribute is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	DOCTOR INDEX NUMBERS (DIN)

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