

Sponsor:	Implementation Date: Immediate
Name of Sponsoring Department The Health and Social Care Information Centre	Subject: Data Standards Changes to the Mental Health Minimum Data Set (update to version 2.1)
DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE This paper informs users of changes to the NHS Data Dictionary and the Mental Health Minimum Data Set (MHMDS).	
<p>Summary:</p> <p>Several changes to the MHMDS Information Standard and / or NHS Data Model and Data Dictionary are required to resolve discrepancies with, and ensure alignment between, the MHMDS Information Standard, MHMDS XML schema and the NHS Data Dictionary.</p> <p>The majority of these changes will be implemented with immediate effect through the MHMDS Assembler software. Trusts will also be required to submit new e-GIF compliant PERSON MARITAL STATUS codes in accordance with DSCN 12/2006.</p> <p>These changes will be reported by Trusts within the existing quarterly and additional annual submissions of MHMDS as mandated by DSCN 49/2002.</p> <p>For Notification</p> <p>Please note that future changes to the MHMDS are currently being developed for the Public Services Agreement (PSA) Delivery Agreement 16 and the Mental Health Act (MHA) 2007 (see page 5 for further details). A DSCN outlining specific changes to MHMDS will be published following approval by the Information Standards Board (anticipated for December 2007). Trusts will be required to capture additional data items from April 2008 (Q1 2008-09), with information flowing within central MHMDS submissions from October 2008 (Q2 2008-09).</p>	
<p>Datasets / return affected:</p> <p>MHMDS v2.1 MHMDS XML Schema v3.3</p>	
Impact of Change:	
Service: Minor	System Suppliers: Minor
<p>The Information Standards Board (ISB) is responsible for approving information standards. The ISB output related to the assurance and sign-off of this standard, and the submission documents, can be found at: http://www.isb.nhs.uk/docs/mental-health</p> <p>More information about the ISB can be found at www.isb.nhs.uk</p> <p>Data set change notices can be found at www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/dscn</p>	

DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE

Reference No:	DSCN 37/2007 Change Request 814
Version No:	DSCN v1.0
Subject:	Changes to the MHMDS (update to version 2.1)
Type of Change:	Change to an Inherited Information Standard
Implementation Date:	Immediate
Business Justification:	To resolve discrepancies with, and ensure alignment between, the MHMDS Information Standard, MHMDS XML Schema and NHS Data Dictionary
Effect on other Information Standards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ NHS Data Dictionary;○ MHMDS XML Schema.

Introduction

The MHMDS was implemented from 1st April 2003 for all providers of adult, including elderly, mental health services in a secondary care setting.

Several changes to the Mental Health Minimum Data Set (MHMDS) Information Standard are required to resolve discrepancies with, and ensure alignment between, the MHMDS Information Standard, MHMDS XML Schema and NHS Data Dictionary.

This DSCN outlines the specific changes required to the NHS Data Dictionary and / or the MHMDS.

Background

The majority of the changes reflect relatively minor changes to existing data item names and/or formats within the MHMDS Information Standard and are required to match NHS Data Dictionary definitions and ensure e-GIF compliance where relevant. These will be implemented through the MHMDS Assembler with immediate affect and will not require corresponding changes to Trust systems.

The changes will ensure that it is possible for Trusts to submit MHMDS data to the Secondary Uses Service (SUS), part of the National Programme for IT (NPfIT).

Details of Change

1. The changes to the NHS Data Dictionary are detailed in appendix 2 Change Request 814

a. Local Patient Identifier

Data element LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER is replaced with a new data element MHMDS LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER, which has a greater length allowed (20 characters)

b. CPA Level

A new value has been added to CPA LEVEL to indicate 'No care'.

2. The changes to the MHMDS are as follows:

c. Marital Status

There is a requirement to change the data item name and associated data values for Marital Status within the MHMDS Information Standard as follows:

Change data item name and format from:

MARITAL STATUS (n1)

and replace with:

PERSON MARITAL STATUS (an1)

Existing Values:

- ~~1 Single~~
- ~~2 Married~~
- ~~3 Divorced~~
- ~~4 Widowed~~

Proposed Values

- S Single**
- M Married/Civil Partner**
- D Divorced/Person whose Civil Partnership has been dissolved**
- W Widowed/Surviving Civil Partner**
- P Separated**
- N Not Disclosed**

Unchanged Values (these will continue to be valid)

- 9 Not Known

These changes are required to match the NHS Data Dictionary, CDS and e-GIF. See DSCN [12/2006](#) (Person Marital Status) and [9/2004](#) (e-GIF Standards).

Old Marital Status code values will continue to be accepted within MHMDS submissions until 31st March 2008 to allow Trusts time to implement new values in accordance with DSCN [12/2006](#) where they have not already done so.

d. Date Formats

There is a requirement to change the following data item date formats within the MHMDS Information Standard as follows:

Change data format for all DATE data items within MHMDS from

DATA ITEM NAME ~~n8 (ccyyymmdd)~~

and replace with:

DATA ITEM NAME an10 (ccyy-mm-dd)

This change applies to the following data items:

BIRTH DATE
START DATE (MENTAL HEALTH CARE SPELL)
END DATE (MENTAL HEALTH CARE SPELL)
DATE LAST SEEN (CPA CARE COORDINATOR)
HONOS SCORE DATE (FIRST IN MHCS)
HONOS SCORE DATE (MOST RECENT IN MHCS)
HONOS SCORE DATE (WORST EVER RECORDED)
HONOS SCORE DATE (BEST IN LAST TWELVE MONTHS)

This change is required to match NHS Data Dictionary and e-GIF and ensure consistency and alignment with the MHMDS XML schema and MHMDS Assembler. See DSCN [9/2004](#) (e-GIF Standards).

e. Birth Date

There is a requirement to change the following data item name within the MHMDS Information Standard as follows:

Update the data item name from:

BIRTH DATE

and replace with the following:

PERSON BIRTH DATE

This change is required to comply with the NHS Data Dictionary and e-GIF standard and to ensure consistency and alignment with the MHMDS XML schema and MHMDS Assembler. See DSCN [9/2004](#) (e-GIF Standards).

f. Sex

There is a requirement to change the following data item name within the MHMDS Information Standard as follows:

Update the data item name from:

SEX

and replace with the following:

PERSON GENDER CURRENT

Existing data values will remain valid.

This change is required to comply with the NHS Data Dictionary and e-GIF standard and to ensure consistency and alignment with the MHMDS XML schema and MHMDS Assembler. See DSCN [9/2004](#) (e-GIF Standards).

g. Legal Status Restrictiveness

There is a requirement to change the following data item format within the MHMDS Information Standard as follows:

Change format of the data item from:

~~**LEGAL STATUS RESTRICTIVENESS (HIGHEST IN REPORTING PERIOD) (nn)**~~

and replace with:

LEGAL STATUS RESTRICTIVENESS (HIGHEST IN REPORTING PERIOD) (nn.n)

NB. This change reflects the original intended purpose of the data item as defined by DSCN [29/2002](#).

h. Mental Health Care Team (at End of Reporting Period)

There is a requirement to change the following data item format within the MHMDS Information Standard as follows:

Change the data item format from:

~~**MENTAL HEALTH CARE TEAM TYPE (AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD) (an2)**~~

and replace with:

MENTAL HEALTH CARE TEAM TYPE (AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD) (n2)

Existing data values will remain valid.

i. Specialty Function Code (Mental Health)

Specialty Function Codes no longer exist and have now been replaced by Main Specialties. As a result there is a requirement to change the following data item name within the MHMDS Information Standard as follows:

Change the data item format from:

~~**SPECIALTY FUNCTION CODE (MENTAL HEALTH)**~~

and replace with:

MAIN SPECIALTY CODE (MENTAL HEALTH)

Existing data values will remain valid.

For Notification – Future Changes to the Mental Health Minimum Dataset

Please note that The Health and Social Care Information Centre are currently working with key stakeholders including the Department of Health and the Cabinet Office to define future changes to MHMDS to meet the information requirements of the Social Exclusion Public Service Agreement (PSA) and the MHA 2007.

These are likely to require the additional collection of information by Trusts relating to the mental health events and statuses listed below:

- Employment Status;
- Accommodation Status;
- Supervised Community Treatment (SCT) (introduced by the MHA 2007);
- Leave of Absence;
- Absence without Leave;
- Changes to Mental Category;
- Changes to Professional Roles.

These changes are required to reflect additional Department of Health requirements in relation to the MHA 2007 and also to remove existing requirements that can be met without requiring changes to MHMDS.

A DSCN will be published following formal approval of these proposed changes by ISB anticipated for December 2007. Trusts will be required to capture additional data items from April 2008 (Q1 2008-09), with information flowing within central MHMDS submissions from October 2008 (Q2 2008-09).

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Further Information and Support

Full details of these changes to the MHMDS can be found on The Health and Social Care Information Centre website at:

www.ic.nhs.uk/mentalhealth/mhmds

If you have any specific enquiries relating to these changes, or any other aspect of the MHMDS, please contact The Health and Social Care Information Centre at:

Email enquiries@ic.nhs.uk

Please include 'Mental Health Minimum Dataset' or 'MHMDS' in the subject line.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 - Summary of Changes to MHMDS

Appendix 2 - NHS Data Dictionary Change Request 814

APPENDIX 1

Summary of Change to the Mental Health Minimum Data Set

Change Type	Existing Value	New Value	Changes Required		
			Trust Systems	MHMDS Information Standard	NHS Data Dictionary
LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER					
Change data item name	LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER	MHMDS LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER	N ¹	Y	N
Add new data item	NEW	MHMDS LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER	N	N	Y
CPA LEVEL					
Add new data value	NEW	0 No Care	N	N	Y
MARITAL STATUS					
Change data item name	MARITAL STATUS	PERSON MARITAL STATUS	Y ²	Y	N
Change data item format	n1	an1	Y ²	Y	N
Remove data value	1 Single	DELETED	Y ²	Y	N
Remove data value	2 Married	DELETED	Y ²	Y	N
Remove data value	3 Divorced	DELETED	Y ²	Y	N
Remove data value	4 Widowed	DELETED	Y ²	Y	N
Add new data value	NEW	S Single	Y ²	Y	N
Add new data value	NEW	M Married/Civil Partner	Y ²	Y	N

Add new data value	NEW	D Divorced/Person whose Civil Partnership has been dissolved	Y ²	Y	N
Add new data value	NEW	W Widowed/Surviving Civil Partner	Y ²	Y	N
Add new data value	NEW	P Separated	Y ²	Y	N
Add new data value	NEW	N Not Disclosed	Y ²	Y	N
BIRTH DATE					
Change data item name	BIRTH DATE	PERSON BIRTH DATE	N	Y	N
Change data item format	n8 (ccyymmdd)	an10 (ccyy-mm-dd)	N	Y	N
START DATE (MENTAL HEALTH CARE SPELL)					
Change data item format	n8 (ccyymmdd)	an10 (ccyy-mm-dd)	N	Y	N
END DATE (MENTAL HEALTH CARE SPELL)					
Change data item format	n8 (ccyymmdd)	an10 (ccyy-mm-dd)	N	Y	N
DATE LAST SEEN (CPA CARE COORDINATOR)					
Change data item format	n8 (ccyymmdd)	an10 (ccyy-mm-dd)	N	Y	N
HONOS SCORE DATE (FIRST IN MHCS)					
Change data item format	n8 (ccyymmdd)	an10 (ccyy-mm-dd)	N	Y	N
HONOS SCORE DATE (MOST RECENT IN MHCS)					
Change data item format	n8 (ccyymmdd)	an10 (ccyy-mm-dd)	N	Y	N

HONOS SCORE DATE (WORST EVER RECORDED)					
Change data item format	n8 (ccyyymmdd)	an10 (ccyy-mm-dd)	N	Y	N
HONOS SCORE DATE (BEST IN LAST TWELVE MONTHS)					
Change data item format	n8 (ccyyymmdd)	an10 (ccyy-mm-dd)	N	Y	N
SEX					
Change data item name	SEX	PERSON GENDER CURRENT	N	Y	N
LEGAL STATUS RESTRICTIVENESS (HIGHEST IN REPORTING PERIOD)					
Change data item format	nn	nn.n	N	Y	N
MENTAL HEALTH CARE TEAM TYPE (AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD)					
Change data item format	an2	n2	N	Y	N
SPECIALTY FUNCTION CODE (MENTAL HEALTH)					
Change data item name	SPECIALTY FUNCTION CODE (MENTAL HEALTH)	MAIN SPECIALTY CODE (MENTAL HEALTH)	N	Y	N

Notes

¹ Trusts should continue to submit existing Local Patient Identifiers as the MHMDS Local Patient Identifier to ensure the continued historic linkage of MHMDS records

² Changes to Trust systems only required where DSCN [12/2006](#) including e-GIF code values have not already been implemented

³ Changes to existing data item names and formats will be dealt with by the MHMDS Assembler and will not require corresponding changes to Trust systems at this stage

Appendix 2 - Change Request 814

NHS Connecting for Health

NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service

Reference:	Change Request 814
Version No:	1
Subject:	Introduction of Mental Health Minimum Data Set version 2.1
Type of Change:	Changes to NHS Data Standards
Effective Date:	1 April 2008
Reason for Change:	Several changes to the Mental Health Minimum Data Set (MHMDS) Information Standard are required to resolve discrepancies with, and ensure alignment between the MHMDS Information Standard, MHMDS XML schema and NHS Data Dictionary.

Background:

The Mental Health Minimum Data Set is a nationally defined framework of data on adult mental health patients, including older people. Each record in the dataset describes a Mental Health Care Spell - that is the whole period in which an individual is looked after by a provider of specialist mental health services from initial referral to final discharge.

All providers of specialist mental health services for adults and older adults have been mandated to collect the Mental Health Minimum Data Set since 1 April 2003.

Several changes to the Mental Health Minimum Data Set Information Standard are required to resolve discrepancies with, and ensure alignment between the Mental Health Minimum Data Set Information Standard, Mental Health Minimum Data Set XML Schema and NHS Data Dictionary, as summarised below:

- data element LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER is replaced with a new data element MHMDS LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER, which has a greater length allowed (20 characters)
- data element MARITAL STATUS is replaced with e-GIF compliant data element PERSON MARITAL STATUS. Note that both old and new values for this data element will be accepted by the MHMDS XML schema but the old values should not be used after 1st April 2008, to allow time for Provider Organisations to migrate to the new values.
- data element BIRTH DATE is replaced by e-GIF compliant PERSON BIRTH DATE.
- A new value has been added to CPA LEVEL to indicate 'No care'.

This Data Set Change Notice only includes details of specific changes to the NHS Data Model and Dictionary. Full details of all corresponding changes to the Mental Health Minimum Data Set, published by the Information Centre, including the reasons for the changes, are available on the Information Centre website at www.ic.nhs.uk/mentalhealth/mhmlds.

This new version of the Mental Health Minimum Data Set is version 2.1, which is transmitted using XML message schema version 3-3-2007-06-03. Details of the new XML schema version will be published via a separate DSCN.

Summary of changes:

Attribute Definitions

[CPA LEVEL](#) Change to Description

Data Elements

[MHMDS LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER](#) New Data Element

Dataset[MENTAL HEALTH MINIMUM DATA SET](#)

Change to Table

[MENTAL HEALTH MINIMUM DATA SET](#)

Unknown delta_moved

Supporting Information[MENTAL HEALTH MINIMUM DATA SET OVERVIEW](#)

Change to Supporting Information

Date: 22 November 2007**Sponsor:** Roger Dewhurst, The Information Centre for Health and Social Care; Jeremy Thorp, NHS CFH

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.

MENTAL HEALTH MINIMUM DATA SET

Change to Dataset: Change to Table

Mental Health Minimum Data Set Overview

The Mental Health Minimum Data Set concerns adult PATIENTS (including elderly) who receive care in NHS specialist mental health services. This care is delivered within a Mental Health Care Spell. For some PATIENTS care will comprise a small number of out-patient attendances over a few weeks. For others, it may extend over many years and include hospital, community, out-patient and day care attendances which may commonly overlap.

~~The Mental Health Minimum Data Set is assembled and produced for a defined period of time known as the REPORTING PERIOD (which may be monthly, quarterly or annually) and comprises a data set record for each Mental Health Care Spell which occurs wholly or partially within the REPORTING PERIOD.~~ The Mental Health Minimum Data Set is assembled and produced for a defined period of time known as the Reporting Period (which may be monthly, quarterly or annually) and comprises a data set record for each Mental Health Care Spell which occurs wholly or partially within the REPORTING PERIOD.

Data Set Data Elements
Patient Demographics
ORGANISATION CODE (CODE OF PROVIDER)
ORGANISATION CODE (CODE OF COMMISSIONER)
REPORTING PERIOD (MENTAL HEALTH)
NHS NUMBER
ELECTORAL WARD OF USUAL ADDRESS
ORGANISATION CODE (PCT OF RESIDENCE)
SEX
PERSON GENDER CURRENT
MARITAL STATUS
PERSON MARITAL STATUS
BIRTH DATE
PERSON BIRTH DATE
CODE OF GP PRACTICE (REGISTERED GMP)
ORGANISATION CODE (PCT OF GP PRACTICE)
LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER
MHMDS LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER
SOCIAL SERVICES CLIENT IDENTIFIER
ETHNIC CATEGORY
YEAR OF FIRST KNOWN PSYCHIATRIC CARE

Mental Health Care Spell Activity
CARE SPELL IDENTIFIER (MENTAL HEALTH)
CARE SPELL NUMBER IN REPORTING PERIOD
MAIN SPECIALTY CODE (MENTAL HEALTH)
START DATE (MENTAL HEALTH CARE SPELL)
SOURCE OF REFERRAL FOR MENTAL HEALTH
END DATE (MENTAL HEALTH CARE SPELL)
MENTAL HEALTH CARE SPELL END CODE
SPELL DAYS IN REPORTING PERIOD
SUSPENDED DAYS IN REPORTING PERIOD
MHCS SUSPENSION REASON (AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD)
CPA STANDARD DAYS
CPA ENHANCED DAYS
CPA LEVEL (AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD)
OCCUPATION (CPA CARE COORDINATOR)
DATE LAST SEEN (CPA CARE COORDINATOR)
DAYS LIABLE FOR DETENTION
DAYS OF SUPERVISED DISCHARGE
LEGAL STATUS CLASSIFICATION CODE (AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD)
LEGAL STATUS RESTRICTIVENESS (HIGHEST IN REPORTING PERIOD)
MHC WITHOUT PATIENT CONSENT IN REPORTING PERIOD
SSSA (NUMBER FOR DETENTION)
SSSA (NUMBER FOR COMMUNITY CARE)
DIAGNOSIS (ICD FIRST MOST RECENT)
DIAGNOSIS (ICD SECOND MOST RECENT)
DIAGNOSIS (ICD THIRD MOST RECENT)
DIAGNOSIS (ICD FOURTH MOST RECENT)
DIAGNOSIS (ICD FIFTH MOST RECENT)
DIAGNOSIS (ICD SIXTH MOST RECENT)
DIAGNOSIS (ICD SEVENTH MOST RECENT)
DIAGNOSIS (ICD EIGHTH MOST RECENT)
DIAGNOSIS (ICD NINTH MOST RECENT)
DIAGNOSIS (ICD TENTH MOST RECENT)
DIAGNOSIS (ICD ELEVENTH MOST RECENT)
DIAGNOSIS (ICD TWELFTH MOST RECENT)
HONOS RATING (FIRST IN MHCS)
HONOS SCORE DATE (FIRST IN MHCS)
HONOS RATING (MOST RECENT IN MHCS)
HONOS SCORE DATE (MOST RECENT IN MHCS)
HONOS RATING (WORST EVER RECORDED)
HONOS SCORE DATE (WORST EVER RECORDED)
HONOS RATING (BEST IN LAST TWELVE MONTHS)
HONOS SCORE DATE (BEST IN LAST TWELVE MONTHS)
Mental Health Package
BED DAYS (MENTAL HEALTH)
BED DAYS (MENTAL HEALTH MEDIUM SECURE)
BED DAYS (MENTAL HEALTH INTENSIVE)
CARE DAYS (ACUTE HOME-BASED)
BED DAYS (MENTAL HEALTH NHS COMMUNITY CARE)
RESIDENTIAL MH NON-NHS COMMUNITY CARE INDICATOR
DAY CARE ATTENDANCE (MENTAL HEALTH NHS SITE)

DAY CARE ATTENDANCE MH NON-NHS SITE INDICATOR
SHELTERED WORK ATTENDANCE INDICATOR
OUT-PATIENT ATTENDANCE CONSULTANT (MENTAL HEALTH)
CONTACTS (COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC NURSE)
CONTACTS (CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST)
CONTACTS (OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST)
SOCIAL WORKER INVOLVEMENT
HOME HELP VISIT INDICATOR
PROCEDURE (READ FIRST MOST RECENT)
PROCEDURE (READ SECOND MOST RECENT)
PROCEDURE (READ THIRD MOST RECENT)
PROCEDURE (READ FOURTH MOST RECENT)
PROCEDURE (READ FIFTH MOST RECENT)
PROCEDURE (READ SIXTH MOST RECENT)
PROCEDURE (READ SEVENTH MOST RECENT)
PROCEDURE (READ EIGHTH MOST RECENT)
PROCEDURE (READ NINTH MOST RECENT)
PROCEDURE (READ TENTH MOST RECENT)
PROCEDURE (READ ELEVENTH MOST RECENT)
PROCEDURE (READ TWELFTH MOST RECENT)
PROCEDURE (ECT TREATMENTS ADMINISTERED)
ADMISSIONS (MENTAL HEALTH)
DISCHARGES (MENTAL HEALTH)
HOSPITAL STAYS LIST (MENTAL HEALTH)
COMMUNITY SURVIVAL TIMES LIST (MENTAL HEALTH)
FIRST CONTACT TIMES LIST (MENTAL HEALTH)
POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS
MENTAL HEALTH CARE TEAM TYPE (AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD)
CONTACTS (PHYSIOTHERAPIST)
CONTACTS (CONSULTANT PSYCHOTHERAPY)
CONTACTS (SOCIAL WORKER)
OUT-PATIENT DID NOT ATTENDS (MENTAL HEALTH)
DAY CARE DID NOT ATTENDS (MENTAL HEALTH NHS SITE)
CONTACTS (NHS DIRECT MENTAL HEALTH)
CARE PROGRAMME APPROACH REVIEWS (IN REPORTING PERIOD)
SPELL DEFINITION TYPE (ASSEMBLER MHCS)
MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND LEGAL STATUS HISTORY

MENTAL HEALTH MINIMUM DATA SET

Change to Dataset: Unknown delta_moved

MENTAL HEALTH MINIMUM DATA SET OVERVIEW

Change to Supporting Information: Change to Supporting Information

Introduction

Mental Health Minimum Data Set Overview

~~Background to the Mental Health Minimum Data Set – DSCN 29/2002~~ The Mental Health Minimum Data Set (MHMDS) was introduced by DSCN20/19/P13 in April 2000 in response to the lack of national clinical data collection in the mental health arena, in line with the information requirements of the emerging National Service

Framework for Mental Health.

The Mental Health Minimum Data Set is to be electronically collected from NHS Trusts via the NHS wide Clearing Service for storage in a database from which the Department of Health will produce routine reports. Since April 2003 (DSCN 49/2002) it has been a mandatory requirement that all Providers of specialist adult, including elderly, mental health services submit central Mental Health Minimum Data Set returns on a quarterly basis, with an additional annual submission.

Please note that the collection of the data set does not replace any other collection of mental health data such as the Admitted Patient Care Commissioning Data Set Type Detained and /or Long Term Psychiatric Census, which should continue to be collected. The Mental Health Minimum Data Set facilitates the collection of person-focussed clinical data and the sharing of such data to underpin the delivery of mental health care. It is structured around the clinical process and includes an outcome assessment (Health of the Nation Outcome Scales, or HoNOS). It records the key role played by partner agencies, particularly social services.

The first quarterly collection of the data set via the NHS Wide Clearing Service (NWCS) is scheduled for the end of Quarter 1 2003 (end of June). In order to implement the electronic data flow. The data elements which comprise the data set itself have been specified and incorporated within the NHS Data Model and Dictionary. The Mental Health Minimum Data Set describes Mental Health Care Spells. These comprise all interventions made for a PATIENT by a specialist Mental Health Care Team from initial REFERRAL REQUEST to final discharge. For some individuals the Mental Health Care Spell will comprise a short Out-Patient Episode; for others it may extend over many years and include hospital, community, out-patient and day care episodes.

In addition, a number of changes to existing data standards have also been made in order to fully support the data set data elements. Information is collected relating to various stages in the PATIENTS journey, including activity such as inpatients, out-patients, community care, and NHS day care episodes; mental health reviews and assessments including Care Programme Approach (CPA) and Health of the National Outcome Scales (HoNOS); contacts with mental health professionals such as care co-ordinators, psychiatric NURSES and CONSULTANTS; and also any diagnosis and treatment.

For further information on the Mental Health Minimum Data Set, please view the Health and Social Care Information Centre website:

<http://www.icservices>. The prime purpose of the Mental Health Minimum Data Set is to provide local clinicians and managers with better quality information for clinical audit, and service planning and management.

Central collection provides improved national information, facilitating feedback to Trusts, and the setting of benchmarks. It will also allow the delivery of the National Service Framework for Mental Health' priorities to be monitored.

The Mental Health Minimum Data Set data is collected from NHS Trusts and submitted via the Mental Health Minimum Data Set Assembler to the Secondary Uses Service for storage, analysis and reporting by a variety of stakeholders including the Department of Health, Healthcare Commission, and the Health and Social Care Information Centre.

Please note that the collection of the Mental Health Minimum Data Set does not replace any other collection of mental health data such as the Admitted Patient Care Commissioning Data Set Type Detained and/or Long Term Psychiatric Census, which should continue to be collected.

For further information on the Mental Health Minimum Data Set, please view the following Health and Social Care Information Centre website:

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/mentalhealth/dataset/pages/default.asp> [uk/mentalhealth/mhmds](http://www.ic.nhs.uk/mentalhealth/mhmds)

Mental Health Minimum Data Set Version History

Version	Date Issued	Summary of Changes	DSCN	Implementation Date

1.0	November 1999	Introduction of Mental Health Minimum Data Set	DSCN 20/99/P13	April 2000
1.1	June 2002	Data Standards - Changes to Mental Health Minimum Data Set (MHMDS)	DSCN 27/2002	April 2003
1.2	September 2002	Data Standards - Changes to Mental Health Minimum Data Set (MHMDS)	DSCN 29/2002	April 2003
1.3	October 2002	Data Standards - Changes to Mental Health Minimum Data Set (MHMDS)	DSCN 48/2002	April 2003
2.0	October 2002	Mental Health Minimum Data Set - Mandatory Central returns. This version of the data set incorporates changes defined in DSCN 27/2002, 29/2002 and 48/2002.	DSCN 49/2002	April 2003
2.1	November 2007	Introduction of Mental Health Minimum Data Set Version 2.1	DSCN 37/2007	November 2007

CPA LEVEL

Change to Attribute: Change to Description

The level of Care Programme Approach which has been determined as applicable for a PATIENT's Care Programme Approach Episode. Health Care Providers may develop expanded local classifications to meet local requirements. However, local classifications must map back to the national classifications and only National Codes should be used for central reporting.

National Codes:

- 0 No care
- 1 Standard, requires the support or intervention of one agency or discipline; or requires only low key support from more than one agency
- 2 Enhanced, multiple needs, including housing, employment etc, which requires inter-agency coordination

This attribute is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	CPA LEVELS

MHMDS LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER

Change to Data Element: New Data Element

MHMDS LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER

Format/length:	an20
HES item:	
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

Notes:

This data item is used to identify a PATIENT uniquely within a local mental health service provider. It enables health care providers to create a complete record of mental health care for a PATIENT where PATIENT data is recorded in two or more operational systems that use different LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIERS.

Where a common LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIER is used across all local mental health services, this should be adopted.

This data element is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	MHMDS LOCAL PATIENT IDENTIFIERS

For help with the content of the Mental Health minimum data set contact the Information Centre for Health and Social Care Helpdesk
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