Information Standards Notice – New Standard

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| Description | The HIV and AIDS Reporting System (HARS) is a dataset that will underpin national HIV surveillance. This return will eventually replace current HIV surveillance systems including the new HIV and AIDS diagnoses and death surveillance and SOPHID (the Survey of Prevalent HIV Infections Diagnosed). The HARS dataset will be used to:  
- 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  
Secondary analyses will produce aggregate outputs that will be used for:  
- Support the commissioning of HIV services through collation of data to inform the national HIV outpatient tariff for payment by results.  
- Conduct performance management at the local authority and national level  
This standard defines a method for submitting the HARS data electronically which will reduce the burden on clinicians and clinic staff by pulling in data from the patient’s electronic record as well as eliminate the need to report to several surveillance systems. |
| Applies to | All NHS HIV outpatient services in England, in the first instance. |
| Uses | All NHS HIV outpatient services in England, in the first instance. |
| It will be used by: |  |
| - Staff working in HIV and GUM clinics that provide care to HIV outpatients.  
- System suppliers providing software to enable reporting  
- Scientific and public health staff working at the Health Protection Agency, and its successor, Public Health England  
- Local authorities, primary care trusts, commissioners, strategic health |
authority and Department of Health staff concerned with planning services and managing performance.
- Northern Ireland and Wales may adopt the dataset in the future. Scotland will not adopt the system.

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