

<b>Sponsor:</b>  <b>NHS</b> <b>Connecting for</b> <b>Health</b>	<b>Implementation Date:</b> 1 April 2007
	<b>Subject:</b>  <b>Data Standards: Priority Type</b>

### DATA SET CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE

This paper informs users of changes to the NHS Data Model, NHS Data Dictionary and Commissioning Data Sets

#### Summary:

To enable the safe electronic transmission of referrals via Choose and Book, PRIORITY TYPE is to be extended to include Two Week Wait priority for referral.

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/dscn13-2006output.pdf](http://www.isb.nhs.uk/docs/dscn13-2006output.pdf)

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## Change Request

### NHS Connecting for Health

#### NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service

**Reference:** Change Request 791  
**Version No:** 1.0  
**Subject:** 2 week wait priority type  
**Type of Change:** Changes to NHS Data Standards  
**Effective Date:** 1 April 2007  
**Reason for Change:** To enable the recording of a 2 week wait referral priority

#### **Background:**

The Choose and Book system enables the electronic referral of patients from primary care (GPs) into secondary care (NHS Trusts). Patients who are referred for suspected cancer must be seen by the secondary care provider within two weeks of the date of GP referral. In order to enable the safe electronic transmission of Two Week Wait referrals to secondary care, it is necessary to extend the existing PRIORITY TYPE in the Data Dictionary, so that these patients are directed to appropriate services and clinics in secondary care, from within Choose and Book.

#### **Summary of changes:**

##### **Attribute Definitions**

[PRIORITY TYPE](#) Change to Description

**Date:** 9 June 2006

**Sponsor:** Simon Walford, Choose and Book Medical Director, DoH

**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.

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## PRIORITY TYPE

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Change to Attribute: Change to Description

This is the priority of a request for services; in the case of services to be provided by a CONSULTANT, it is as assessed by or on behalf of the CONSULTANT.

Priority Type 'Urgent' should be used where the request for services is defined as clinically urgent, but it does not fall under the criteria for Two Week Wait GP referrals for suspected cancer.

Priority Type 'Two Week Wait' should only be used where the request for services meets the criteria for an urgent GP referral for suspected cancer. These are defined in Department of Health Guidance 'Cancer Waiting Targets - A Guide (version 4)'.

*National Codes:*

1 Routine

2 Urgent

3 Two Week Wait

**This attribute is also known by these names:**

Context	Alias
plural	PRIORITY TYPES

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For further information about the use of Priority Type Two Week Wait, contact the NHS Data Standards and Products team email [Datastandards@cfh.nhs.uk](mailto:Datastandards@cfh.nhs.uk)