

Sponsor Organisation:	Implementation Date: 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2007				
<h1>Department of Health</h1>	<b>Subject:</b> <b>Data Standards: Source of Referral for Outpatients (18 Weeks)</b>				
<p><b>DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE</b></p> <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><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>The change will enable the recording of amended and additional Sources of Referral for Outpatients to support the implementation of 18 Weeks measurement.</p> <p>Extension of the values will provide confidence that referrals from the full range of referral sources are being collected by provider organisations.</p> <p>In addition to the new codes introduced in this change, code <i>08 other source of referral</i> has been retired and a new code <i>97 other – not initiated by the consultant responsible for the Consultant Outpatient Episode</i>, has been introduced to reflect that the range of referring groups within this category has significantly altered.</p> <p>For all data sets affected the change is effective from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007. A DSCN will be issued to change CDS V5 to support central submission of outpatient activity using the new codes from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007. Central submission of the new codes using CDS V6 will be enabled from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007.</p>					
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<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 – <a href="http://www.isb.nhs.uk/docs/dscn16-2007output.pdf">www.isb.nhs.uk/docs/dscn16-2007output.pdf</a></p> <p>The ISB submission documents relating to the approval of this standard can be found at <a href="http://www.isb.nhs.uk/docs/Source-of-Referral-ISB-Change-Submission-2007.pdf">http://www.isb.nhs.uk/docs/Source-of-Referral-ISB-Change-Submission-2007.pdf</a></p> <p>More information about the ISB can be found at <a href="http://www.isb.nhs.uk">www.isb.nhs.uk</a> Data set change notices can be found at <a href="http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/dscn">www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/dscn</a></p>					

## Change Request

### NHS Connecting for Health

#### NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service

<b>Reference:</b>	Change Request 825
<b>Version No:</b>	1.14
<b>Subject:</b>	New Sources of Referral to support 18 weeks measurement
<b>Type of Change:</b>	Changes to NHS Data Standards
<b>Effective Date:</b>	1 October 2007
<b>Reason for Change:</b>	New Sources of Referral to support 18 weeks referral to treatment pathway measurement

#### Background:

The measurement of the 18 weeks Referral To Treatment Pathway requires the identification of referrals from sources not currently covered explicitly by existing national codes for Source of Referral for Outpatients. These sources are stated in the Department of Health policy document 'Tackling hospital waiting: the 18 Week patient pathway. An implementation framework' at: "<http://www.dh.gov.uk/assetRoot/04/13/46/69/04134669.pdf>".

Extension of the values will provide confidence that referrals from the full range of referral sources are being collected by provider organisations.

The 18 weeks policy document states that referrals from Genito-urinary clinics are within the scope of 18 weeks. In order to avoid issues with patient confidentiality a separate source of referral code for referrals from Genito-urinary clinics has not been developed. Referrals received from Genito-urinary clinics should record the source of referral code that relates to the healthcare professional making the referral.

In addition, referrals from Minor Injuries Units and Walk In Centres are explicitly included in existing codes relating to Accident and Emergency attendances.

Code 08 other source of referral, has been retired and a new code 97 Other - not initiated by the CONSULTANT responsible for the Consultant Out-Patient Episode, has been introduced to reflect the range of referring groups within this category has significantly altered.

#### Summary of changes:

##### Attribute Definitions

[SOURCE OF REFERRAL FOR OUT-PATIENTS](#) Change to Description

**Date:** 23 May 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.

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## SOURCE OF REFERRAL FOR OUT-PATIENTS

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Change to Attribute: Change to Description

A classification which is used to identify the source of referral of each Consultant Out-Patient Episode.

*National Codes:*

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~~Initiated by the CONSULTANT responsible for the Consultant Out-Patient Episode~~

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- 01 *following an emergency admission*
- ~~02 *following a domiciliary visit*~~
- 02 *following a Domiciliary Consultation*
- ~~10 *following an Accident And Emergency Attendance*~~
- 10 *following an Accident And Emergency Attendance (including Minor Injuries Units and Walk In Centres)*
- ~~11 *other*~~
- 11 *other - initiated by the CONSULTANT responsible for the Consultant Out-Patient Episode*

Not initiated by the CONSULTANT responsible for the Consultant Out-Patient Episode

- ~~03 *referral from a General Medical Practitioner*~~
- 03 *referral from a GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER*
- ~~04 *referral from an Accident And Emergency Department*~~
- 92 *referral from a GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER*
- ~~05 *referral from a consultant, other than in an Accident And Emergency Department*~~
- 12 *referral from a GENERAL PRACTITIONER with Special Interest*
- 04 *referral from an Accident And Emergency Department (including Minor Injuries Units and Walk In Centres)*
- 05 *referral from a CONSULTANT, other than in an Accident And Emergency Department*
- 06 *self-referral*
- ~~07 *referral from Prosthetist*~~
- 07 *referral from a Prosthetist*
- ~~92 *General Dental Practitioner*~~
- 13 *referral from a Specialist Nurse (Secondary Care)*
- ~~93 *Community Dental Service*~~
- 14 *referral from an Allied Health Professional*
- ~~00 *other source of referral*~~
- 15 *referral from an Optometrist*
- 16 *referral from an Orthoptist*
- 17 *referral from a National Screening Programme*
- 93 *referral from a Community Dental Service*
- 97 *other - not initiated by the CONSULTANT responsible for the Consultant Out-Patient Episode*

~~Note: The classification has been listed in logical sequence rather than alphanumeric order.~~ Note: The classification has been listed in logical sequence rather than numeric order.

Where a patient is referred by a GENERAL PRACTITIONER acting in the capacity of GP with Special Interest, code 12 should be used. Where a patient is referred by that GP acting in their capacity as an ordinary GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER, or as an ordinary GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER, code 03 or code 92 should be used as appropriate.

Two Week Wait Referrals made by Specialist Nurses in Primary Care, under the authority of the GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER leading their team, should continue to be classified as referrals from the GP (code 03). Referrals from Specialist Nurses in Secondary Care should be classified as code 13.

References:

~~National Purchasing Unit for Dental Service Increment For Teaching (SIFT), 1996.~~

~~Dental SIFT: Proposal for Minimum Dataset (MDS) requirements 1997/0~~

The NHS National Cancer Waiting times, DH, DSCN 22/2002

This attribute is also known by these names:

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Context	Alias
plural	SOURCE OF REFERRAL FOR OUT-PATIENTS

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