

<b>Sponsoring Organisation:</b>	<b>Implementation Date:</b>	Immediate
<b>Department of Health</b>	<b>Subject:</b> <b>Data Standards: Quarterly Monitoring: Cancelled Operations Data Set (QMCO)</b>	
<b>DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE</b>		
<p>This DSCN informs users of an update or clarification to the NHS Data Model and Dictionary that has been approved by the Information Standards Board for Health and Social Care (ISB HaSC).</p> <p>This was approved by ISB HaSC at its meeting on 25/06/2008.</p>		
<b>Summary:</b> <p>The QMCO is a longstanding central return and is well established in the Service. However the central return was not included in the NHS Data Model and Dictionary. The central return covers the collection of numbers of cancellations and failures to treat within 28 days and is required to monitor the Cancelled Operations Guarantee. The Guarantee was announced in the NHS Plan and is part of the Department of Health's ongoing commitments. In addition, the central return collects information on the numbers of Operating Theatres.</p> <p>This DSCN incorporates the central return into the NHS Data Model and Dictionary as the "QUARTERLY MONITORING CANCELLED OPERATIONS DATA SET (QMCO)".</p> <p>There are no changes to the central return, therefore there should be no impact on the service or its system suppliers.</p>		
<b>Datasets / return affected:</b>  N/A		
<b>Related DSCNs:</b>  N/A		
<b>Impact of Change:</b>		
<b>Service:</b>	N/A	<b>System Suppliers:</b> N/A
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## Change Request

### NHS Connecting for Health

#### NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service

<b>Reference:</b>	Change Request 879
<b>Version No:</b>	1.0
<b>Subject:</b>	QMCO - Quarterly Monitoring: Cancelled Operations
<b>Type of Change:</b>	Changes to NHS Data Standards
<b>Effective Date:</b>	Immediate
<b>Reason for Change:</b>	Amendment to Data Standards for QMCO - Cancelled Operations

#### Background:

The quarterly monitoring data collection for Cancelled Operations (QMCO) has been reviewed. The collection of numbers of cancellations and failures to treat within 28 days is an essential part of the Cancelled Operations Guarantee. The Guarantee was announced in the NHS Plan and is part of the Department of Health's ongoing commitments as set out in Appendix 1 on the 2005-2008 Operating Agreement.

Collection of the data will enable the Healthcare Commission (HCC) to carry out its intention to use the number of cancellations and failures to treat within 28 days as part of its Annual Health Check. It will also enable the continued use of the Healthcare Commission assessment of cancelled operations available to patients to inform their choice of hospital. Since the introduction of the leaflets, cancelled operations and breaches of the guarantee have fallen to their lowest level in six years.

The collection of information on the choices made by patients following breach of the cancelled operations guarantee has been withdrawn to reduce the burden on the NHS.

This paper provides data standards to support the Central Return data set quarterly collection via Unify2.

#### Summary of changes:

##### **Attribute Definitions**

<a href="#">OPERATING THEATRE DEDICATED TO DAY CASES</a>	Change to Description
<a href="#">OPERATION CANCELLATION</a>	Change to Description

##### **Data Elements**

<a href="#">FAILURE TO TREAT WITHIN 28 DAYS TOTAL</a>	New Data Element
<a href="#">LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS FOR NON CLINICAL REASONS TOTAL</a>	New Data Element
<a href="#">OPERATING THEATRES DEDICATED TO DAY CASES TOTAL</a>	New Data Element
<a href="#">OPERATING THEATRE TOTAL</a>	New Data Element

##### **Dataset**

<a href="#">QUARTERLY MONITORING CANCELLED OPERATIONS DATA SET (QMCO)</a>	New Dataset
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##### **Supporting Information**

<a href="#">QUARTERLY MONITORING CANCELLED OPERATIONS DATA SET (QMCO) OVERVIEW</a>	New Supporting Information
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**Date:** 10 June 2008

**Sponsor:** Ian Mills, Department of Health

**Note:** New text is shown with a blue background. Deleted text is crossed out. Retired text is shown in grey.

Within the Diagrams deleted classes and relationships are red, changed items are blue and new items are green.

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## QUARTERLY MONITORING CANCELLED OPERATIONS DATA SET (QMCO)

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Change to Dataset: New Dataset

Quarterly Monitoring Cancelled Operations Data Set (QMCO)

Quarterly Monitoring Cancelled Operations Data Set (QMCO) Overview

**This data set carries the data for monitoring key targets and standards on services provided by NHS Trusts and Primary Care Trusts. It should be used to record information on operation cancellations.**

### Quarterly Monitoring Cancelled Operations Data Elements

**Providing Organisation:**  
**To carry the details of the organisation providing Theatre Services.**  
**One occurrence of this group is permitted.**

ORGANISATION CODE (CODE OF PROVIDER)

REPORTING PERIOD START DATE

REPORTING PERIOD END DATE

**Cancelled Operations**  
**To carry details on theatres and cancelled operations.**  
**One occurrence of this group is permitted.**

OPERATING THEATRE TOTAL

OPERATING THEATRES DEDICATED TO DAY CASES TOTAL

LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS FOR NON CLINICAL REASONS TOTAL

FAILURE TO TREAT WITHIN 28 DAYS TOTAL

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## QUARTERLY MONITORING CANCELLED OPERATIONS DATA SET (QMCO) OVERVIEW

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Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

Quarterly Monitoring Cancelled Operations Data Set (QMCO) Overview

### Contextual Overview

The data set provides essential information for monitoring key targets and standards in the Cancelled Operations Guarantee.

The Department of Health requires information on services provided by Health Care Providers of Theatre services and this information is collected by the Department of Health via the Quarterly Monitoring Cancelled Operations Data Set (QMCO).

### Reporting

The Quarterly Monitoring Cancelled Operations Data Set (QMCO) is a quarterly return with the first quarter starting on 1 April and the last quarter ending on 31 March.

Any ACTIVITY where the outcome is not yet known should be reported in the following quarter. That is any ACTIVITY where it not known the outcome of subsequent OFFERS OF ADMISSION within the 28 day limit.

Data sets must be submitted by 15 working days after the end of the quarter.

The Quarterly Monitoring Cancelled Operations Data Set (QMCO) is a provider based return.

The data is entered via Unify2, an online data collection system. NHS providers enter their data onto Unify2 either directly or by uploading a spreadsheet.

### Quarterly Monitoring Cancelled Operations Data Set (QMCO)

The Quarterly Monitoring Cancelled Operations Data Set (QMCO) requires the following for each ORGANISATION CODE (CODE OF PROVIDER), REPORTING PERIOD START DATE and the REPORTING PERIOD END DATE:

- Number of OPERATING THEATRES.
- Number of OPERATING THEATRES that are dedicated to day cases.
- Number of last minute cancellations for non clinical reasons (LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS FOR NON CLINICAL REASONS TOTAL).
- Number of breaches of the standard for Cancelled Operations Guarantee (FAILURE TO TREAT WITHIN 28 DAYS TOTAL).

Cancellation at 'the last minute' or 'short notice' means on or after the day that the PATIENT was due to arrive in hospital.

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## OPERATING THEATRE DEDICATED TO DAY CASES

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Change to Attribute: Change to Description

An indication of whether or not an OPERATING THEATRE is dedicated to day case surgery during the period of an OPERATING THEATRE OPERATIONAL PLAN

*Classification:* National Codes:

- a- ~~Dedicated to day cases~~
- 1 Dedicated to day cases
- b- ~~Not dedicated to day cases~~
- 2 Not dedicated to day cases

This attribute is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	OPERATING THEATRES DEDICATED TO DAY CASES

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## OPERATION CANCELLATION

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Change to Attribute: Change to Description

~~An indicator of whether the operation that the PATIENT is being admitted for was cancelled at the last minute for non-clinical reasons. 'Last minute' means on the day the PATIENT was due to arrive, after the patient has arrived in hospital or on the day of the operation.~~ An indicator of whether the operation that the PATIENT is being admitted for, was cancelled for non-clinical reasons on or after the day that the PATIENT was due to arrive in hospital (cancelled at the 'last minute' or 'at short notice'). This includes telephone cancellations made to PATIENTS on the day of their operation or day of admission.

An operation which is rescheduled to a time within 24 hours of the original scheduled operation should be recorded as a postponement and not as a cancellation. Some common non-clinical reasons for cancellations by the hospital include: WARD beds unavailable; surgeon unavailable; emergency case needing theatre; theatre list over-ran; equipment failure; admin error; anaesthetist unavailable; theatre staff unavailable; and critical care

bed unavailable. These examples are based on information from the Modernisation Agency's Theatres Project and do not necessarily cover all non-clinical reasons.

National Codes:

- 4 ~~Operation cancelled at the last minute for non-clinical reasons on the day of surgery~~
- 1 Operation cancelled for non-clinical reasons on the day of surgery
- 2 Operation cancelled at short notice for non-clinical reasons although not on the day of surgery
- 8 Not applicable - Operation cancelled for clinical reasons or not cancelled

This attribute is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	OPERATION CANCELLATIONS

## FAILURE TO TREAT WITHIN 28 DAYS TOTAL

Change to Data Element: New Data Element

### FAILURE TO TREAT WITHIN 28 DAYS TOTAL

Format/length:	n6
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

#### Notes:

The total number of cancelled operations where the national standard (treatment within 28 days following an operation cancellation by the hospital) has been breached.

The total number of OFFERS OF ADMISSION with an OPERATION CANCELLATION National Code 1 'Operation cancelled for non-clinical reasons on the day of surgery' or National Code 2 'Operation cancelled at short notice for non-clinical reasons although not on the day of surgery', where, for the ELECTIVE ADMISSION LIST ENTRY, there was either:

no subsequent OFFER OF ADMISSION with an OFFERED FOR ADMISSION DATE (to come in date) within 28 days of the original OFFER OF ADMISSION

or

there was a subsequent OFFER OF ADMISSION with an OFFERED FOR ADMISSION DATE (to come in date) within 28 days of the original OFFER OF ADMISSION but one which resulted in another OPERATION CANCELLATION National Code 1 'Operation cancelled for non-clinical reasons on the day of surgery' or National Code 2 'Operation cancelled at short notice for non-clinical reasons although not on the day of surgery' or an the ADMISSION OFFER OUTCOME of National Code 6 Admission cancelled by hospital before day offered for admission.

This data element is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	FAILURES TO TREAT WITHIN 28 DAYS TOTALS

## LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS FOR NON CLINICAL REASONS TOTAL

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Change to Data Element: New Data Element

### LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS FOR NON CLINICAL REASONS TOTAL

Format/length:	n6
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

**Notes:**

The total number of OFFERS OF ADMISSION where the indicator OPERATION CANCELLATION is National Code 1 'Operation cancelled for non-clinical reasons on the day of surgery' or National Code 2 'Operation cancelled at short notice for non-clinical reasons although not on the day of surgery'.

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## OPERATING THEATRES DEDICATED TO DAY CASES TOTAL

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Change to Data Element: New Data Element

### OPERATING THEATRES DEDICATED TO DAY CASES TOTAL

Format/length:	n3
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

**Notes:**

The total number of OPERATING THEATRES where the OPERATING THEATRE OPERATIONAL PLAN has an indicator for OPERATING THEATRE DEDICATED TO DAY CASES of National Code 1 'Dedicated to day cases'.

**This data element is also known by these names:**

Context	Alias
plural	OPERATING THEATRES DEDICATED TO DAY CASES TOTALS

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## OPERATING THEATRE TOTAL

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Change to Data Element: New Data Element

### OPERATING THEATRE TOTAL

Format/length:	n3
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

**Notes:**

The total number of OPERATING THEATRES.

**This data element is also known by these names:**

Context	Alias
plural	OPERATING THEATRE TOTALS

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