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NHS Connecting for Health	Subject:
	Data Standards: Change of Name for National Administrative Code Services (NACS) to Organisation Data Service (ODS)
DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE	
<p>This DSCN informs users of the approval of changes to an information requirement or information standard by the Information Standards Board for Health and Social Care (ISB HaSC).</p> <p>This was approved by ISB HaSC at its meeting on 27 August 2008.</p>	
Summary:	
<p>The service previously known as the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) is now known as the Organisation Data Service (ODS) with immediate effect.</p> <p>All instances of 'National Administrative Codes Service' in published documentation will be amended to show 'Organisation Data Service' or its acronym, as appropriate. This includes the nww website, the nhs.uk website and all documentation accessible from the Terminology Reference-data Update Distribution (TRUD) service.</p> <p>Some key URLs will change to update to the new name; full details are included in this DSCN. Many users will have systems that rely on automated routines which access one or more of these sites and download data files. Such users should prepare to update such routines to run from the new URLs where required. The URL changes will be made overnight on 8 September 2008.</p> <p>This DSCN is in two parts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Part 1 provides detailed policy information needed to implement the change 2. Part 2 provides the definitional, technical, and modelling detail that will be included in the NHS Data Model and Dictionary. 	
Datasets / return affected:	
N/A	
Impact of Change:	
Service: Minor	System Suppliers: Minor
<p>The Information Standards Board for Health and Social Care (ISB HaSC) is responsible for approving information standards. Submission documents and the ISB HaSC Board output relating to the approval of this standard can be found at: http://www.isb.nhs.uk/docs/ods-1/change-of-name/change-of-name/</p>	

DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE

Reference No:	19/2008
Version No:	1.0
Subject:	Change of Name for National Administrative Code Services (NACS) to Organisation Data Service (ODS)
Type of Change:	Changes to NHS Data Standards
Implementation Date:	Immediate
Business Justification:	To provide a name which more accurately reflects the range of work that the ODS service undertakes.

Introduction

The service previously known as the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) is now known as the Organisation Data Service (ODS). The change of name for the service is required to reflect its changing responsibilities in light of the continuing development of the Spine Directory Service, part of which ODS maintains.

Background

The Organisation Data Service (ODS, previously known as NACS) is provided by NHS Connecting for Health. It is responsible for the publication of organisation and practitioner codes, and for the national policy and standards with regard to the majority of organisation codes. These code standards form part of the NHS data standards.

The name change is designed to more accurately reflect the work that ODS undertake; the service's role has expanded somewhat with the development of the Spine Directory Service, growing to include maintenance of other areas of data than just that of administrative codes (for instance healthcare professionals codes, loads to the SDS to support NHS Numbers for Babies, new functionality to support reorganisations and mergers/splits, person data to support the issue of smart cards etc). The new name implies a wider remit with the use of 'Data' rather than focussing on specifically unique identifier 'Administrative Codes' as the old name does.

Changing the service name at this point also highlights the particular stage at which ODS has reached in its development, coinciding with the recent migration to using a new system which allows instantaneous update of the Spine Directory, and the Directory moving to a more significant authoritative status in terms of the data maintained within it.

Details of Change

The name 'National Administrative Codes Service' and its acronym 'NACS' will no longer be used in any capacity, with immediate effect. In its place the new name for the service is 'Organisation Data Service' or its acronym 'ODS'.

All instances of 'National Administrative Codes Service' in published documentation will be amended to show 'Organisation Data Service' or its acronym, as appropriate. This includes the nww website, the nhs.uk website and all documentation accessible from the Terminology Reference-data Update Distribution (TRUD) service.

Some key URLs will change to update to the new name:

<http://nww.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/nacs/>

to

<http://nww.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/ods/> (main NHSnet pages where we publish our data)

<http://www.nhs.uk/nacs/>

to

<http://www.nhs.uk/ods/> (main public domain pages where we publish a limited set of data)

<http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/systemsandservices/data/standards/nacs/index.html>

to

<http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/systemsandservices/data/standards/ods/index.html>

(information pages on the public domain NHS CFH website)

Many users will have systems that rely on automated routines which access one or more of these sites and download data files. Such users should prepare to update such routines to run from the new URLs where required. The change will be made overnight on 8 September 2008.

An updated definition of the Organisation Data Service will be published both within ODS products and within the NHS Data Dictionary. This definition is provided in Appendix A.

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Appendix A

About the Organisation Data Service

The Organisation Data Service (ODS) is provided by NHS Connecting for Health. It is responsible for the publication of all organisation and practitioner codes and for the national policy and standards with regard to the majority of organisation codes. These code standards form part of the NHS data standards. NHS Connecting for Health is also responsible for the day-to-day operation of the ODS and for its overall development. It is supported by a number of agencies throughout the UK; for instance, the NHS Business Services Authority Prescription Pricing Division (NHSBSA PPD) and the NHS Business Services Authority Dental Services Division (NHSBSA DSD).

ODS is also responsible for the ongoing maintenance of organisation and practitioner information on to the organisation and person nodes of the Spine Directory Service, the central repository of data for use within the various systems and services that form the National Programme for Information Technology (NPfIT).

The products the ODS maintain includes:

- the authoritative national lists for a wide range of NHS organisations and medical practitioners of interest to the NHS;
- the allocation of the NHS standard identification codes for these organisations and practitioners;
- a change history record for these organisations and certain of these practitioners;
- additional reference data about each of the organisations and practitioners;
- details of the relationships between these organisations and practitioners;
- details of the geographic areas covered by some of these organisations, defined in terms of postcodes
- all organisation and Health Care Professional codes on the Spine Directory Service

The ODS distributes:

[Organisation Codes Data](#) - a set of files mostly in standard formats, holding national reference data of organisations, practitioners and postcodes for use in NHS administrative functions: especially in processing central returns, patient administration, commissioning and message handling. These are published on the NHSnet on a monthly basis (<http://nww.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/ods/>). They are also made available to named recipients both inside the NHS and to others licensed to use this data in support of the NHS, through the online Terminology Reference-data Update Distribution service (TRUD). A subset of the data is also published on the NHS Choices website (www.nhs.uk/ods).

[The ODS Access Database](#) - a Microsoft Access database containing frequently used data, and a number of pre-defined enquiries. The database is available for download from the NHSnet and from TRUD and is updated monthly.

[The ODS Newsletter](#) - a document distributed with each quarterly data issue through both the NHSnet pages and the TRUD service, describing developments and issues related to the Organisation Data Service.

[The NHS Safe Haven Directory](#) - a directory distributed with each monthly data issue through both the NHSnet pages and the TRUD service, that lists all the Safe Haven contacts and addresses set up to receive and hold confidential patient data in the NHS, updated monthly.

[Postcode and related data supplied by the Office for National statistics](#) - the Office for National Statistics supplies files containing all postcodes in the UK with details of their geographic areal information, such as map reference, local authority and Strategic Health Authority. ODS makes these files available on a quarterly basis from the NHSnet and TRUD.

The ODS provides:

- Central allocation of new or revised codes;
- Help, advice and query resolution on the content and use of the national reference data;
- Development of the NHS standards in this area;
- Further development of the range of national reference data.

Change Request

NHS Connecting for Health

NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service

Reference: Change Request 1018
Subject: Change of Name for the National Administrative Codes Service
Effective Date: Immediate
Publication Date: 5 Aug 2008

Background:

The National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) was renamed the Organisation Data Service (ODS) on 1 June 2008.

This Data Set Change Notice:

- changes references in the NHS Data Model and Dictionary from National Administrative Codes Service to Organisation Data Service;
- introduces a new NHS Business Definition for the Organisation Data Service;
- updates all references to data published by the Organisation Data Service by CD-ROM to being available through the Terminology Reference Data Update Distribution Service (TRUD);
- updates the Organisation Data Service website links which will be available to users on 9th September 2008.

This Data Set Change Notice also:

- corrects the name for the Office for National Statistics in the class "Operative Procedure";
- adds the correct name for the Health and Social Care Information Centre in the attribute "Occupation Code" and
- adds any missing links and removes any abbreviations.

Summary of changes: Class Definitions

[OPERATIVE PROCEDURE](#)

Changed Description

Attribute Definitions

[CONSULTANT CODE](#)

Changed Description

[OCCUPATION CODE](#)

Changed Description

[ORGANISATION CODE](#)

Changed Description

[ORGANISATION DEPARTMENT CODE](#)

Changed Description

[ORGANISATION SITE CODE](#)

Changed Description

[ORGANISATION SITE TREATMENT CENTRE](#)

Changed Description

Data Elements

[GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER \(SPECIFIED\)](#)

Changed Description

[LOWER LAYER SUPER OUTPUT AREA \(RESIDENCE\)](#)

Changed Description

[ORGANISATION CODE \(CODE OF COMMISSIONER\)](#)

Changed Description

[ORGANISATION CODE \(CODE OF PROVIDER\)](#)

Changed Description

[ORGANISATION CODE \(PCT OF RESIDENCE\)](#)

Changed Description

Central Return Forms

[KC61 1](#)

Changed Description

Supporting Information

[ADMINISTRATIVE CODES & CLASSIFICATIONS](#)

Changed Description

[LOWER LAYER SUPER OUTPUT AREA](#)

Changed Description

[MIDDLE LAYER SUPER OUTPUT AREA](#)

Changed Description

[NHS POSTCODE DIRECTORY](#)

Changed Description

[ORGANISATION DATA SERVICE](#)

New Supporting Information

[PUBLICATION INFORMATION CONTACT DETAILS](#)

Changed Description

Date: 5 Aug 2008

Sponsor: Sean Walsh, NHS Connecting for Health

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.

Change to Central Return Form: Changed Description

KC61: Pathology Laboratories - Cervical Cytology and Outcome of Gynaecological Referrals

Contextual Overview

2. The [Department of Health](#), NHS Cervical Screening Programme (NHSCSP), [Strategic Health Authorities](#) and trusts require information from [Pathology Laboratories](#) on cervical cytology and outcome of referrals.

A [Pathology Laboratory](#) is a [LABORATORY](#) where the [LABORATORY TYPE](#) is National Code 01 'Pathology Laboratory'.

3. The information helps to monitor the process of achieving the Government's target to reduce the incidence of invasive cervical cancer and to ensure that the screening programme is managed effectively. The information is used to ensure that the laboratory is achieving acceptable standards in examining smears in line with guidance provided by the NHS Cervical Screening Programme.
4. Information on the return is also used in Public Expenditure Survey (PES) negotiations, resource allocation to the NHS and Departmental accountability.
5. Information based on the KC61 return is published annually by the Department in the Statistical Bulletin 'Cervical Screening Programme'.

Completing Return KC61: Pathology Laboratories - Cervical Cytology and Outcome of Referrals

- ~~6. KC61 returns are required by all [Pathology Laboratories](#) carrying out cervical cytology within NHS [Health Care Providers](#). This applies to independently managed NHS laboratories, including cytopathology laboratories and also private laboratories if they are commissioned to report on smears for the NHS.~~

~~Each return requires the [ORGANISATION CODE](#) and [ORGANISATION NAME](#) of the [NHS Trust](#) and must be signed by a [CONSULTANT](#) in one of the Pathology [MAIN SPECIALTY CODES](#). It also requires the pathology [LABORATORY NAME](#) and pathology [LABORATORY CODE](#). Note that pathology [LABORATORY CODES](#) are maintained and issued by the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) on behalf of the NHS Cervical Screening Programme.~~

~~For the NACS contact details, see [Contact Details](#).~~

7. [KC61 returns are required by all \[Pathology Laboratories\]\(#\) carrying out cervical cytology within NHS \[Health Care Providers\]\(#\). This applies to independently managed NHS laboratories, including cytopathology laboratories and also private laboratories if they are commissioned to report on smears for the NHS.](#)

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[For the \[Organisation Data Service\]\(#\) contact details, see \[Contact Details\]\(#\).](#)

8. A [Pathology Laboratory's](#) KC61 return should include all the original [Requests for Pathology Investigation](#) received by that laboratory. A [Request for Pathology Investigation](#) forwarded to another laboratory should only be included in the first laboratory's return (except Part A3).

A [Request for Pathology Investigation](#) is a [DIAGNOSTIC TEST REQUEST](#) where the [DIAGNOSTIC TEST REQUEST](#) is National Code 03 'Request for Pathology Investigation'.

9. Smears re-screened within the same Laboratory as part of internal or external quality control or for any other reason should not be included in the KC61 return. The number of requests sent to or received from another Laboratory for primary screening or other reason should be recorded in Part A3.
10. Where more than one slide is associated with one [Request for Pathology Investigation](#), only the most significant [CYTOLOGY RESULT TYPES](#) may be counted for the KC61.
11. The return KC61 is completed annually and submitted within two months of the end of the period.
12. Parts A and B of the return relate to all smears reported by the laboratory where the smear was received and registered between 1 April of one year and 31 March of the following year. If this date is not recorded, the [CERVICAL SMEAR EXAMINED DATE](#) can be used as a proxy. Part C1 of the return relates to smears where the date of the smear which led to a referral fell in the first three months of the financial year (April, May and June). Part C2 is a duplicate of Part C1, but will collect data relating to gynaecological referrals from smears registered during the whole of the financial year *prior to* the current year.

ADMINISTRATIVE CODES & CLASSIFICATIONS

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

Administrative Codes and Classifications

1. ~~Responsible Agencies:~~

~~National Administrative Codes Service (NACS):~~

~~NACS is responsible for allocating codes to the following [ORGANISATIONS](#) in England and Wales:~~

~~[Strategic Health Authorities](#) (SHAs)~~

~~[NHS Trusts](#)~~

~~[Primary Care Trusts](#) (PCTs)~~

~~Care Trusts (CTs)~~

~~Special Health Authorities (SpHAs)~~

~~Independent Providers (care homes, private hospitals etc.)~~

~~[Pathology Laboratories](#)~~

~~Cancer Registries~~

~~Other NHS Administration Units~~

2. [Responsible Agencies](#)

[Organisation Data Service:](#)

[The Organisation Data Service](#) is responsible for allocating codes to the following [ORGANISATIONS](#) in England and Wales:

[Strategic Health Authorities](#) (SHAs)

- ~~Code allocation by other agencies~~

~~Several other UK agencies are responsible for issuing or publishing codes (to NHS standards) to the following healthcare [ORGANISATION](#) and maintaining their details.~~

~~These details are made available on the NACS NHSnet website and on a quarterly CD-ROM, distributed by the NACS.~~

~~For the NACS contact details, see [Contact Details](#).~~

~~NHS Business Services Authority (BSA):~~

~~Prescription Pricing Division (PPD):~~

~~[GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS](#) in England, Wales, Isle of Man and Channel Islands~~

~~[GENERAL PRACTITIONER](#) Practices in England and Wales~~

~~Dental Practice Division (DPD):~~

~~[GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONERS](#) in England, Wales and Isle of Man~~

~~General Dental Practices in England, Wales and Isle of Man~~

~~Health Solutions Wales (HSW):~~

~~All secondary care organisations in Wales~~

~~NHS in Scotland:~~

~~All healthcare [ORGANISATIONS](#) and practitioners in Scotland~~

~~Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS), Northern Ireland:~~

~~All healthcare [ORGANISATIONS](#) and practitioners in Northern Ireland~~

~~Office for National Statistics (ONS):~~

~~Responsible for the formal definition of the geographical area covered by each [Primary Care Trust](#) and [Strategic Health Authority](#) (England), in terms of their component postcodes.~~

~~Source: Agencies responsible for allocation of codes on the NACS NHSnet site. For those without NHSnet access, visit the [NACS www website](#) for further information on the NACS or see [Contact Details](#).~~

[NHS Trusts](#)

- ~~Administrative codes are used to identify:
Individual healthcare [ORGANISATIONS](#) including independent providers;
Independent Sector Healthcare Providers;
Dental and Medical Practices;
Practitioners, such as [GENERAL PRACTITIONERS](#), and Hospital [CONSULTANTS](#).~~

[Primary Care Trusts \(PCTs\)](#)

- ~~The codes allow for:
the identification of information returned to the [Department of Health](#);
the identification of the [ORGANISATIONS](#) involved in the electronic exchange of information within the NHS;
the identification of the parties involved in the commissioning and administration of an episode of care.~~

[Care Trusts \(CTs\)](#)

- ~~The current coding standards were introduced in 1996 by the Organisation Codes Service (OCS), now the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS). Subsequent revisions to the structure and format of organisation codes have given these codes a consistent and stable format. This both reflects the organisational changes in the NHS and protects the codes against future changes to the structure of the NHS.~~

[Special Health Authorities \(SpHAs\)](#)

- ~~Codes used in England and Wales to identify organisations in Scotland and~~

~~Northern Ireland are allocated by agencies working on behalf of the Information Standards Division (Scotland) and the Northern Ireland Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety. These codes meet NHS coding standards and are included on the NACS CD-ROM, issued quarterly to NHS users. Note, however, that different codes may be used locally e.g. in Scotland by Scottish users.~~

Independent Providers (care homes, private hospitals etc.)

- ~~• Where treatment for a NHS [PATIENT](#) is sub-commissioned to a non-NHS UK provider healthcare [ORGANISATION](#) (independent provider and/or Independent Sector Healthcare Provider) but that non-NHS UK provider does not have an [ORGANISATION CODE](#) or sites registered with a responsible agency, the default value of 89999 should be used.~~

~~For codes and format see:~~

[Pathology Laboratories](#)

[Cancer Registries](#)

[Other NHS Administration Units](#)

2. Code allocation by other agencies:

Several other UK agencies are responsible for issuing or publishing codes (to NHS standards) to the following healthcare [ORGANISATION](#) and maintaining their details. These details are made available in the [Organisation Data Service](#) data set, issued quarterly to NHS users via online distribution service, TRUD (Terminology Reference Data Update Distribution Service) and through the [Organisation Data Service](#) pages on the NHSnet.

NHS Business Services Authority (BSA):

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[GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS](#) in England, Wales, Isle of Man and Channel Islands

[GENERAL PRACTITIONER Practices](#) in England and Wales

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[All secondary care organisations](#) in Wales

NHS in Scotland:

[All healthcare ORGANISATIONS](#) and practitioners in Scotland

[Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety \(DHSSPS\), Northern](#)

Ireland:

All healthcare ORGANISATIONS and practitioners in Northern Ireland

Office for National Statistics (ONS):

Responsible for the formal definition of the geographical area covered by each Primary Care Trust and Strategic Health Authority (England), in terms of their component postcodes.

For the Organisation Data Service contact details, see [Contact Details](#).

3. Administrative codes are used to identify:

Individual healthcare ORGANISATIONS including independent providers;

Independent Sector Healthcare Providers;

Dental and Medical Practices;

Practitioners, such as GENERAL PRACTITIONERS, and Hospital CONSULTANTS.

4. The codes allow for:

the identification of information returned to the [Department of Health](#);

the identification of the ORGANISATIONS involved in the electronic exchange of information within the NHS;

the identification of the parties involved in the commissioning and administration of an episode of care.

5. The current coding standards were introduced in 1996 by the Organisation Codes Service (OCS), now the [Organisation Data Service](#). Subsequent revisions to the structure and format of organisation codes have given these codes a consistent and stable format. This both reflects the organisational changes in the NHS and protects the codes against future changes to the structure of the NHS.

6. Codes used in England and Wales to identify ORGANISATIONS in Scotland and Northern Ireland are allocated by agencies working on behalf of the Information Standards Division (Scotland) and the Northern Ireland Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety. These codes meet NHS coding standards and are included on the [Organisation Data Service](#) data set, issued quarterly to NHS users via the online distribution service, TRUD (Terminology Reference Data Update Distribution Service) and through the [Organisation Data Service](#) pages on NHSnet.

For the [Organisation Data Service](#) contact details, see [Contact Details](#).

7. Where treatment for a NHS PATIENT is sub-commissioned to a non-NHS UK provider healthcare ORGANISATION (independent provider and/or Independent Sector Healthcare Provider) but that non-NHS UK provider does not have an ORGANISATION CODE or sites registered with a responsible agency, the default value of 89999 should be used.

For codes and format see:

[ORGANISATION CODE](#)
[ORGANISATION DEPARTMENT CODE](#)
[ORGANISATION SITE CODE](#)
[CONSULTANT CODE](#)
[DOCTOR INDEX NUMBER \(DIN\)](#)
[GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL \(GMC\) NUMBER](#)
[GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER PPD CODE](#)
[GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL NUMBER](#)
[GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER CODE](#)
[PRIVATE CONTROLLED DRUG PRESCRIBER](#)

LOWER LAYER SUPER OUTPUT AREA

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

A [Lower Layer Super Output Area](#) is a [GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#).

[Lower Layer Super Output Areas](#) are a geographic hierarchy designed to improve the reporting of small area statistics in England and Wales.

[Lower Layer Super Output Areas](#) are built from groups of contiguous [Output Areas](#) and have been automatically generated to be as consistent in population size as possible, and typically contain from four to six [Output Areas](#). The Minimum population is 1000 and the mean is 1500.

There is a [Lower Layer Super Output Area](#) for each [POSTCODE](#) in England and Wales. A pseudo code is available for Scotland, Northern Ireland, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

~~The National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) provide files which link postcodes to the Lower Layer Super Output Area. See the NACS website at [Contact Details](#) for the NHS Postcode Directory Gridlink ® Record Specification and data file.~~ The Organisation Data Service publish files created on their behalf by the Office for National Statistic, which link POSTCODES to the Lower Layer Super Output Area.

See the Organisation Data Service website at [Contact Details](#) for the NHS Postcode Directory Gridlink ® Record Specification and data file.

See the Office for National Statistics website at <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/geography/soa.asp> for further information on Super Output Area geography.

MIDDLE LAYER SUPER OUTPUT AREA

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

A [Middle Layer Super Output Area](#) is a [GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#).

[Middle Layer Super Output Areas](#) are a geographic hierarchy designed to improve the reporting of small area statistics in England and Wales.

~~[Middle Layer Super Output Area](#) are built from groups of contiguous [Lower Layer Super Output Areas](#).~~ [Middle Layer Super Output Areas](#) are built from groups of contiguous [Lower Layer Super Output Areas](#). The minimum population is 5000 and the mean is 7200.

~~The National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) provide files which link postcodes to the Lower Layer Super Output Area. See the NACS website at [Contact Details](#) for the NHS Postcode Directory Gridlink ® Record Specification and data file.~~ The Organisation Data Service publish files created on their behalf by the Office for

National Statistics, which link POSTCODES to the Middle Layer Super Output Area.

See the [Organisation Data Service](#) website at [Contact Details](#) for the NHS Postcode Directory Gridlink ® Record Specification and data file.

See the Office for National Statistics website at <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/geography/soa.asp> for further information on Super Output Area geography.

NHS POSTCODE DIRECTORY

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

NHS POSTCODE DIRECTORY

1. The [NHS Postcode Directory](#) is maintained, on behalf of the [Department of Health](#), by the Office for National Statistics. It contains a record for every postcode in the UK, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, and associates each postcode with a variety of geographic information, including grid references, [Primary Care Trust](#) and [Strategic Health Authority](#) codes. The file also includes pseudo postcodes covering defaults and overseas countries.
2. ~~The full and reduced versions of the [NHS Postcode Directory](#) are issued every quarter by the National Administrative Codes Service. A CD-ROM is sent to named recipients both inside the NHS and to other recipients licensed to use this data in support of the NHS. Both versions of the [NHS Postcode Directory](#) are also available via the [NHSnet](#).~~
3. The full and reduced versions of the [NHS Postcode Directory](#) are issued every quarter by the [Organisation Data Service](#). Named recipients both inside the NHS and other recipients licensed to use this data in support of the NHS are able to access it through the online distribution service, TRUD (Terminology Reference Data Update Distribution Service) and through the [Organisation Data Service](#) pages on NHSnet; see [Contact Details](#).
4. ~~A full description of the [NHS Postcode Directory](#) and the National Administrative Codes Service reduced postcode data files, can be found by browsing the Office for National Statistics Data website (this website is only available on [NHSnet](#)). See [Contact Details](#).~~
5. A full description of the [NHS Postcode Directory](#) and the [Organisation Data Service](#) reduced postcode data files, can be found by browsing the Office for National Statistics Data section of the [Organisation Data Service](#) pages on NHSnet at <http://nww.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/ods/downloads/officenatstats/> (NHS Postcode Directory) and <http://nww.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/ods/downloads/postcode/> (reduced files). The same descriptions can also be accessed via TRUD (Terminology Reference Data Update Distribution Service).
4. The Office for National Statistics will supply, on request and at a cost, copies of the [NHS Postcode Directory](#), on different media, in different formats and for selected extracts. Contact the Office for National Statistics for details and charges; see [Contact Details](#).

Postcodes

5. All postcodes made available via the [Organisation Data Service](#) postcode files have been standardised to the eight character postcode format as used by the Royal Mail's Postal Address File (PAF). All NHS [ORGANISATIONS](#) should ensure that they conform to the postcode format.
6. Postcodes are of the general format :

Character Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Format	a	a/n	a/n	a/n	space	n	a	a
Coding Frame	Outward Code				space	Inward Code		

- The coding frame allows the use of digits 0 (zero) to 9 and the use of upper-case alpha characters; no special characters are allowed.
- The fifth character of all standard format postcodes is always a space, and separates the outward and inward parts of the postcode. The outward part of the postcode is left-justified and can contain 2, 3 or 4 characters, and is space-filled in character positions 3 and 4 where required. The inward part of the postcode is always 3 characters.
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Postcodes

The following table gives examples of typical postcodes:

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- Postcodes are of the general format:

Character Position					Allocated by	Notes		
Character Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Format	a	a/n	a/n	a/n	space	n	a	a
Coding Frame	Outward Code				space	Inward Code		

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

- The coding frame allows the use of digits 0 (zero) to 9 and the use of upper-case alpha characters; no special characters are allowed. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- The fifth character of all standard format postcodes is always a space, and separates the outward and inward parts of the postcode. The outward part of the postcode is left-justified and can contain 2, 3 or 4 characters, and is space-filled in character positions 3 and 4 where required. The inward part of the postcode is always 3 characters.

The following table gives examples of typical postcodes:

Character Position								Allocated by	Notes
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
W	9				3	*	*	Royal Mail	
D	A	+			5	P	t	Royal Mail	
M	K	4	5		4	F	E	Royal Mail	
Z	Z	9	9		4	t	Z	NACS	Pseudo Postcodes, Defaults and Overseas

W 9 3 X X Royal Mail

- The "Scottish split postcode indicator" field was discontinued from the 1996/1 version of the [NHS](#)

~~Postcode Directory~~. This value used to appear in the 8th character position of the postcode (the postcode field was then only 7 characters in length). The 'Alternative' version of the ~~NHS Postcode Directory~~, showing postcodes containing this field, is available from the ONS.

~~Strategic Health Authority/Local Health Board/Health Board Codes~~

~~D A 1 5 P L Royal Mail~~

- ~~14. [Strategic Health Authorities](#) in England are indicated by their standard NACS codes (Q codes). Local Health Boards in Wales use five character codes commencing with a '6', and with the last two characters '00'. Health Boards in Scotland use a three character version of the Health Board code (range SA9 - SZ9). The four Northern Ireland Health Boards are indicated by their standard codes - ZE0, ZN0, ZS0, ZW0.~~

~~M K 4 5 1 T E Royal Mail Z Z 9 9 4 L Z NACS Pseudo Postcodes, Defaults and Overseas~~

9. The "Scottish split postcode indicator" field was discontinued from the 1996/1 version of the [NHS Postcode Directory](#). This value used to appear in the 8th character position of the postcode (the postcode field was then only 7 characters in length). The 'Alternative' version of the [NHS Postcode Directory](#), showing postcodes containing this field, is available from the Office for National Statistics.

Strategic Health Authority/Local Health Board/Health Board Codes

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11. No [Strategic Health Authority](#) exist for the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man so notional (or dummy) [Strategic Health Authority](#) codes are used to identify postcodes from these locations. The default Pseudo health authority code of X98 is used to indicate pseudo postcodes (defaults and overseas).
12. For further information on [Strategic Health Authority](#), [Local Health Board](#), and [Health Board](#) codes and their values, See [ADMINISTRATIVE CODES](#).

Related Products

~~• The ONS produce annually two related publications : **ONS Geography User Guide 9 (The Area of Residence Classification)** and **ONS Geography User Guide 10 (The NHS Organisation Manual)**. These show a breakdown of Strategic Health Authorities by Local Government authorities and Electoral Wards. Copies are available from ONS. Electronic copies are also included in the full NHS Postcode Directory on CD-ROM as provided by NACS.~~

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14. The Office for National Statistics produce a version of the Postcode Directory that is based on a stable area base to facilitate time series analysis - the 1991-based Frozen Postcode Directory. This is available from the Office for National Statistics.
15. ~~The NACS issues the full manuals on the CD-ROM each quarter. This ensures that any new customers~~

~~receive the necessary information.~~

Changes

16. The [Organisation Data Service](#) issues the full manuals through the online distribution service, TRUD (Terminology Reference Data Update Distribution Service) and through the [Organisation Data Service](#) pages on NHSnet each quarter; see [Contact Details](#). This ensures that any new customers receive the necessary information. See [Contact Details](#)

Changes

- ~~The Office for National Statistics should be notified of any queries relating to the allocation of postcodes to [Strategic Health Authorities](#) or [Primary Care Trusts](#). All such queries are investigated by Office for National Statistics, and any agreed changes are included in the following edition of the [NHS Postcode Directory](#). The monthly postcode corrections are also included on the *NHSnet*, see [Contact Details](#).~~

- ~~Requests and suggestions for improvements to the [NHS Postcode Directory](#) or queries relating to its use should be directed to National Administrative Codes Service, who are taking the lead on this product on behalf of the NHS; see [Contact Details](#).~~

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ORGANISATION DATA SERVICE

Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

The [Organisation Data Service](#) is provided by NHS Connecting for Health. It is responsible for the publication of all [ORGANISATION](#) and practitioner codes and for the national policy and standards with regard to the majority of [ORGANISATION CODES](#). These code standards form part of the NHS data standards. NHS Connecting for Health is also responsible for the day-to-day operation of the [Organisation Data Service](#) and for its overall development. It is supported by a number of agencies throughout the UK; for instance, the NHS Business Services Authority Prescription Pricing Division (NHS BSA PPD) and the NHS Business Services Authority Dental Services Division (NHS BSA DSD).

The [Organisation Data Service](#) is also responsible for the ongoing maintenance of and practitioner information on to the [ORGANISATION](#) and [PERSON](#) nodes of the Spine Directory Service, the central repository of data for use within the various systems and services that form the National Programme for Information Technology (NPfIT).

The products the [Organisation Data Service](#) maintain includes:

- the authoritative national lists for a wide range of NHS [ORGANISATIONS](#) and medical practitioners of interest to the NHS;
- the allocation of the NHS standard identification codes for these [ORGANISATIONS](#) and practitioners;
- a change history record for these [ORGANISATIONS](#) and certain of these practitioners;
- additional reference data about each of the [ORGANISATIONS](#) and practitioners;
- details of the relationships between these [ORGANISATIONS](#) and practitioners;
- details of the [GEOGRAPHIC AREAS](#) covered by some of these [ORGANISATIONS](#), defined in terms of [POSTCODES](#);

- all ORGANISATION and Health CARE PROFESSIONAL codes on the Spine Directory Service.

The Organisation Data Service distributes:

- Organisation Codes Data:

a set of files mostly in standard formats, holding national reference data of ORGANISATIONS, practitioners and POSTCODES for use in NHS administrative functions: especially in processing central returns, PATIENT administration, commissioning and message handling. These are published on the NHSnet on a monthly basis (<http://nww.connectingfohelath.nhs.uk/ods/>). They are also made available to named recipients both inside the NHS and to others licensed to use this data in support of the NHS, through the online Terminology Reference Data Update Distribution Service (TRUD). A subset of the data is also published on the NHS Choices website.

- The ODS Access Database:

a Microsoft Access database containing frequently used data and a number of pre-defined enquiries. The database is available for download from the NHSnet and from TRUD (Terminology Reference Data Update Distribution Service) and is updated monthly.

- The ODS Newsletter:

a document distributed with each quarterly data issue through both the NHSnet pages and the Terminology Reference Data Update Distribution Service (TRUD), describing developments and issues related to the Organisation Data Service.

- The NHS Safe Haven Directory:

a directory distributed with each monthly data issue through both the NHSnet pages and the Terminology Reference Data Update Distribution Service (TRUD), that lists all the Safe Haven contacts and addresses set up to receive and hold confidential PATIENT data in the NHS, updated monthly.

- Postcode and related data supplied by the Office for National statistics:

the Office for National Statistics supplies files containing all POSTCODES in the UK with details of their GEOGRAPHIC AREA information, such as map reference, local authority and Strategic Health Authority. The Organisation Data Service makes these files available on a quarterly basis from the NHSnet and TRUD (Terminology Reference Data Update Distribution Service).

The Organisation Data Service provides:

- Central allocation of new or revised codes;
- Help, advice and query resolution on the content and use of the national reference data;
- Development of the NHS standards in this area;
- Further development of the range of national reference data.

PUBLICATION INFORMATION CONTACT DETAILS

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

CONTACT DETAILS

1. ~~General Enquiries about the NHS Data Model and Dictionary:~~

~~NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service
NHS Connecting for Health
Princes Exchange
Princes Square
Leeds
LS1 4HY~~

~~Email: datastandards@nhs.net~~

~~NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service Website:~~

~~Internet:~~

~~<http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/systemsandservices/data/datamodeldictionary>~~

2. **General Enquiries about the NHS Data Model and Dictionary:**

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3. ~~The NHS Information Standards Board:~~

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Internet: <http://www.isb.nhs.uk/>

5. **Hospital Episode Statistics (HES):**

Website: [HES online](#)

Queries: [HES queries](#)

6. **Clinical Coding general enquiries:**

International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10)
Classification of Surgical Operations and Procedures Fourth Revision Consolidated Version (OPCS-4);
Clinical Terms (The Read Codes);
Clinical Coding Products:

For all general enquiries, contact:

NHS Connecting for Health
Data Standards and Products Help Desk
E-mail: datastandards@nhs.net

- Electronic copies of **International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10)** Volumes 1, 2 and 3;
 - The ICD-10 metadata file and its specification;
 - The ICD-10 Codes and Titles (on diskette);
 - The ICD-10 Tables of Equivalence (on diskette);
- The Alphabetical Index of **Classification of Surgical Operations and Procedures (Fourth Revision Consolidated Version (OPCS-4))** in hard copy;
 - Electronic format of Index and Tabular List of OPCS-4;
 - OPCS-4 metadata file and its specification;
- The **Clinical Terminology Browser** is released every six months (March and September) and distributed on CD-ROM;
- **Clinical Terms (The Read Codes)** is released to licensees every six months (March and September) as flat ASCII files and distributed on CD-ROM.

Hard copy versions of ICD-10 and the Tabular List of OPCS-4 are available from The Stationery Office (formerly HMSO).

7. ~~NHS Administrative Codes:~~

~~The National Administrative Codes Service of NHS Connecting for Health:~~

~~General enquiries to NACS should be addressed to:~~

~~Help Desk
National Administrative Codes Service
Hexagon House
Pynes Hill
Rydon Lane
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Devon EX2 5SE~~

~~exeter.helpdesk@nhs.net~~

~~Tel: 01392 206 249~~

~~National Administrative Codes Service Website:~~

~~Internet:~~

~~<http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/systemsandservices/data/standards/nacs/index.htm>~~

8. ~~Postcodes:~~

~~Postcode and Geographic Area Queries
All Fields Postcode Directory
Areas of Residence Classification
NHS Organisation Manual
1991 Frozen Postcode File~~

Communal Establishment File

Tel: 01329 813243 or 813477

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Organisation Data Service website pages:

- NHSnet pages where data is published: <http://nww.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/ods/>
- Public domain pages: <http://www.nhs.uk/ods/>
- Information pages on the NHS Connecting for Health website:
http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/systemsandservices/data/standards/ods/index_html

Information on the Terminology Reference Data Update Distribution Service can be found at:

<https://www.uktcregistration.nss.cfh.nhs.uk/trud/>

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CONSULTANT CODE

Change to Attribute: Changed Description

A code uniquely identifying a [CONSULTANT](#).

The [CONSULTANT CODE](#) is derived from either the [GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL \(GMC\) NUMBER](#) for [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS](#), or the [GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL NUMBER](#) for [GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONERS](#) (where the dentist doesn't have a [GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL \(GMC\) NUMBER](#)).

If the [CONSULTANTS GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL \(GMC\) NUMBER](#) is known, the [CONSULTANT CODE](#) is the [GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL \(GMC\) NUMBER](#) prefixed with "C".

If the [CONSULTANTS GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL \(GMC\) NUMBER](#) is not known, then their [CONSULTANT CODE](#) is the [GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL NUMBER](#) prefixed with "CD".

Note: There are some overseas-qualified dentists who are not fully registered with the General Dental Council but enjoy what is called "Temporary Registration". ~~These dentists are not currently in the scope of the Dental Consultant codes file published by the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) and will not be included.~~ These dentists are not currently in the scope of the Dental Consultant codes file published by the [Organisation Data Service](#) and will not be included.

Consultant Code format

Practitioner Code Type	Character Position								Allocated By	Allocated To	Known As	Notes
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
Hospital Consultant	C	0- 9	0- 9	0- 9	0- 9	0- 9	0- 9	0- 9	Health and Social Care Information Centre	Hospital Consultants in England and Wales	Consultant Code	Derived from General Medical Council number, prefixed with a C
Dental Consultant	C	D	0- 9	0- 9	0- 9	0- 9	0- 9	0- 9	Health and Social Care Information Centre	Dental Consultants in England and Wales	Dental Consultant Code	Derived from General Dental Council number, prefixed with CD. Note that General Dental Council number vary in length. Filling zeros are used between the prefix and General Dental Council number, where required, to maintain total length of 8 characters

For NHS [PATIENTS](#) treated overseas, the commissioner of the overseas treatment is responsible for assuring that the overseas doctor is provided with a [GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL \(GMC\) NUMBER](#). In the case of overseas doctors the default code C9999998 should only be used where no [GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL \(GMC\) NUMBER](#) has been assigned.

All [Midwife Episodes](#) are identified in the Admitted Patient Care Commissioning Data Set (CDS) and Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) by a pseudo [MAIN SPECIALTY CODE](#), 560, see [Main Specialty and Treatment Function Codes](#). A default code is used in the [CONSULTANT CODE](#) field to show that a [MIDWIFE](#) is the responsible professional. Note that the midwife's own code is not used.

All [Nursing Episodes](#) are identified in the Admitted Patient CDS and HES by a pseudo [MAIN SPECIALTY CODE](#), 950, see [Main Specialty and Treatment Function Codes](#). A default code is used in the [CONSULTANT CODE](#) field to show that a [NURSE](#) is the responsible professional. Note that the nurse's own Nursing and Midwifery Council code is not used.

This attribute is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	CONSULTANT CODES

OCCUPATION CODE

Change to Attribute: Changed Description

The classification of an [OCCUPATION CODE TYPE](#) for an [EMPLOYEE](#) filling a [POSITION](#) through an [ASSIGNMENT](#).

~~The NHS Occupation Codes are maintained by the [Health & Social Care Information Centre](#), on behalf of the [Department of Health](#) and can be viewed at [NHS Occupation Code Manual V6](#) and further information on the workforce census which uses the NHS Occupation Codes can be viewed at [NHS workforce census](#).~~The NHS Occupation Codes are maintained by the [Health and Social Care Information Centre](#), on behalf of the [Department of Health](#) and can be viewed at [NHS Occupation Code Manual V6](#) and further information on the workforce census which uses the NHS Occupation Codes can be viewed at [NHS workforce census](#).

This attribute is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	OCCUPATION CODES

ORGANISATION CODE

Change to Attribute: Changed Description

Format/length:	see tables below
HES item:	
National Codes:	

Default Codes: See the "Organisation Default Codes" in the [Default Codes Summary Table](#)

A code which identifies an [ORGANISATION](#) uniquely.

For NHS [ORGANISATIONS](#) it is a code that is managed by either the:

- ~~National Administrative Codes Service (NACS)~~
- [Organisation Data Service \(ODS\)](#)
- NHS Business Services Authority (BSA) Prescription Pricing Division (PPD)
- NHS BSA Dental Practice Division (DPD)

to identify most [ORGANISATIONS](#) that exchange information within the NHS or return information to the Centre. Examples of [ORGANISATIONS](#) that can be identified this way are [Primary Care Trusts](#) and [Strategic Health Authorities](#).

ORGANISATION CODING FRAMES

- All NHS [ORGANISATIONS](#) are coded using coding frames, as shown in the tables below:

Character Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Format	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n
A Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Organisation Identifier						
B Frame	Organisation Type Identifier			Organisation Identifier				
C Frame	Organisation Type Identifier		Organisation Identifier					
D Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Organisation Identifier						
E Frame	Organisation Identifier							
F Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Organisation Identifier						

G Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Practice Identifier					
H Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Organisation Identifier					
I Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Organisation Identifier					
J Frame	Organisation Type Identifier		Organisation Identifier				
K Frame	Organisation Identifier						

NHS Organisations:

A Frame:

Example

Independent Provider e.g. 8HA03

- 8 = Organisation Type Identifier
- Remainder of code identifies organisation

Also:

Cancer Registry	e.g. Y0401
Primary Care Group/Local Health Group (now all closed)	e.g. 4AA24

B Frame:

Example

Local Service Provider e.g. LSP01

- LSP = Organisation Type Identifier
- 01 = Organisation Identifier

Also:

Application Service Provider	e.g. YGM01
Education (Deanery)	e.g. YDF01
NHS Support Agencies	e.g. YDD01
Workforce Development Confederation (All closed June 2006)	e.g. LWF03

C Frame:

Example

School e.g. EE134290

- EE = Organisation Type Identifier
 - Remainder of code identifies organisation
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D Frame:

Example

Strategic Health Authority e.g. Q30

- Q = Organisation Type Identifier
- 30 = Organisation Identifier

Also:

Care Trust	e.g. TAK
NHS Trust	e.g. RH8
Primary Care Trust	e.g. 5CT
Special Health Authority	e.g. T2A
Welsh Local Health Board	e.g. 6C4

E Frame:

Example

Government Office Region (GOR) e.g. K

- K = Organisation Identifier

Note: Organisation Type of GOR is identified by a one character code; no other one character code exists.

F Frame:

Example

Pharmacy HQ e.g. P001

- P = Organisation Type Identifier
- 001 = Organisation Identifier

Also:

Local Authority	e.g. V001
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G Frame:

Example

GP Practice e.g. Y00001

- Y = Organisation Type Identifier
- 00001 = Practice Identifier

Also:

General Dental Practice

e.g.V20052

H Frame:

Example

Cancer Network e.g. N01

- N0 (where the 2nd character is numeric and not alpha) = Organisation Type Identifier
- 1 = Organisation Identifier

Also:

Booking Management System (BMS) Call Centre Establishment

e.g. YF1

Government Department

e.g. XDA

Independent Sector Healthcare Provider (where the 2nd character is alpha)

e.g. NT1

IT Cluster (ITC) **(All closed in England on 31 March 2007)**

e.g. Y41

National Application Service Provider (NASP) (NPFIT)

e.g. YEA

Other Statutory Authority

e.g. X16

Pan SHA

e.g. Y51

I Frame:

Example

Special Health Authority (SpHA) e.g. T1150

- T1 = Organisation Type Identifier
 - 150 = Organisation Identifier
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J Frame:

Example

Transplant Consortium e.g. Y01T1

- Y01T = Organisation Type Identifier
 - 1 = Organisation Identifier
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K Frame:

Example

Health Solutions Wales e.g. W00

- W00 = Organisation Identifier
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The structure and format of [ORGANISATION CODES](#) maintained by the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS), NHS Business Services Authority (BSA) Prescription Pricing Division (PPD) and other agencies are detailed in the tables below. The structure and format of [ORGANISATION CODES](#) maintained by the Organisation Data Service, NHS Business Services Authority (BSA) Prescription Pricing Division (PPD) and other agencies are detailed in the tables below.

For the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) contact details, see [Contact Details](#)

~~ORGANISATION CODES TABLES~~

For the Organisation Data Service contact details, see [Contact Details](#)

ORGANISATION CODES TABLES

Table 1: CODING FORMATS for ORGANISATIONS in ENGLAND and WALES

Organisation Type	Frame Type	Character Position								Code allocated by:	Notes/Comments
	See Coding Frames Table	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
Application Service Provider	B	Y	G	M	A-9	A-9				NACS	e.g. YGM01
Application Service Provider	B	Y	G	M	A-9	A-9				ODS	e.g. YGM01
Booking Management System (BMS) Call Centre Establishment	H	Y	F	A-9						NACS	e.g. YF1
Booking Management System (BMS) Call Centre Establishment	H	Y	F	A-9						ODS	e.g. YF1
Cancer Network	H	N	0-9	A-9						NACS	e.g. N01

Cancer Network	H	N	0-9	A-9						ODS	e.g. N01
Cancer Registry	A	Y	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9				NACS	e.g. Y0401
Cancer Registry	A	Y	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9				ODS	e.g. Y0401
Care Trust	D	F	A-Y	A-Y						NACS	e.g. TAK
Care Trust	D	T	A-Y	A-Y						ODS	e.g. TAK
Directorate of Health and Social Care (DHSC)	N/A All Closed	Y	2	0-9						NACS	DHSCs in England all closed in June 2003 e.g. Y21
Directorate of Health and Social Care (DHSC)	N/A All Closed	Y	2	0-9						ODS	DHSCs in England all closed in June 2003 e.g. Y21
Education (Deanery)	B	Y	D	F	A-9	A-9				NACS	e.g. YDF01
Education (Deanery)	B	Y	D	F	A-9	A-9				ODS	e.g. YDF01
Executive Agency	N/A See Note 1	*	0-9	0-9						NACS	e.g. X09
Executive Agency	N/A See Note 1	X	0-9	0-9						ODS	e.g. X09
Executive Agency Programme	N/A See Note 1	*	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9			NACS	First three characters denote Executive Agency

											e.g. X09001
Executive Agency Programme	N/A See Note 1	X	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9			ODS	First three characters denote Executive Agency e.g. X09001
General Dental Practice - England and Wales	G	V	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9			NHS BSA DPD	e.g. V20052
Government Department	H	*	A-Y	A-Y						NACS	e.g. XDA
Government Department	H	X	A-Y	A-Y						ODS	e.g. XDA
Government Office Region (GOR)	E	A-Y								ONS	e.g. K
GP Practice - England and Wales	G	A-H, J-N, P, W & Y	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9			NHS BSA PPD	Char 1 = W for Welsh GP Practice. All other values represent English GP Practices From 2003, ALL newly allocated Practice Codes begin with a Y" e.g. Y00001
Health Solution Wales	K	W	0	0						NACS	Only one organisation of this type exists for Wales e.g. W00
Health Solution Wales	K	W	0	0						ODS	Only one organisation of this type exists for Wales

											e.g. W00
Independent Provider	A	8	A-Y	A-9	0-9	0-9				NACS - England Health Solutions Wales - Wales	Used for Care Homes, Independent Therapists, Independent Hospices and Charities Char 2: W - Wales. All other values represent England. e.g. 8HA03
Independent Provider	A	8	A-Y	A-9	0-9	0-9				ODS - England Health Solutions Wales - Wales	Used for Care Homes, Independent Therapists, Independent Hospices and Charities Char 2: W - Wales. All other values represent England. e.g. 8HA03
Independent Sector Healthcare Provider	H	N	A-Y	A-9						NACS	e.g. NT1
Independent Sector Healthcare Provider	H	N	A-Y	A-9						ODS	e.g. NT1
IT Cluster (ITC)	H	Y	4	0-9						NACS	e.g. Y41 All IT Clusters in England closed on 31 March 2007
IT Cluster (ITC)	H	Y	4	0-9						ODS	e.g. Y41 All IT Clusters in England closed on 31 March 2007

Local Authority (LA)	F	V	A-9	A-9	A-9					NACS	e.g. V001
Local Authority (LA)	F	V	A-9	A-9	A-9					ODS	e.g. V001
Local Service Provider (LSP)	B	L	S	P	0-9	0-9				NACS	e.g. LSP01
Local Service Provider (LSP)	B	L	S	P	0-9	0-9				ODS	e.g. LSP01
National Application Service Provider (NASP) (NPFIT)	H	Y	E	A-9						NACS	e.g. YEA
National Application Service Provider (NASP) (NPFIT)	H	Y	E	A-9						ODS	e.g. YEA
NHS Support Agencies (Shared Services and Health Informatics Services)	B	Y	D	D	A-9	A-9				NACS	e.g. YDD01
NHS Support Agencies (Shared Services and Health Informatics Services)	B	Y	D	D	A-9	A-9				ODS	e.g. YDD01
NHS Trust	D	R	A-9	A-9						NACS	e.g. RH8
NHS Trust	D	R	A-9	A-9						ODS	e.g. RH8
Other Statutory Authority (OSA)	H	X	0-9	0-9						NACS	e.g. X16
Other Statutory Authority (OSA)	H	X	0-9	0-9						ODS	e.g. X16

Pan SHA	H See Note 2	Y	5	0-9						NACS	e.g. Y51
Pan SHA	H See Note 2	Y	5	0-9						ODS	e.g. Y51
Pharmacy HQ	F	P	A-9	A-9	A-9					NACS	e.g. P001
Pharmacy HQ	F	P	A-9	A-9	A-9					ODS	e.g. P001
Primary Care Group/ Local Health Group	A	4	A-Y	A-Y	0-9	0-9				NACS	Primary Care Groups in England and Local Health Groups in Wales 2nd char = W for Welsh LHGs. <u>PCGs all closed by March 2002</u> e.g. 4AA24
Primary Care Group/ Local Health Group	A	4	A-Y	A-Y	0-9	0-9				ODS	Primary Care Groups in England and Local Health Groups in Wales 2nd char = W for Welsh LHGs. <u>PCGs all closed by March 2002</u> e.g. 4AA24
Primary Care Trust (PCT)	D	5	A-9	A-9						NACS	e.g. 5CT
Primary Care Trust (PCT)	D	5	A-9	A-9						ODS	e.g. 5CT
School	E	E	E	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9	DfES and NACS	e.g. EE134290

School	C	E	E	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9	DfES and ODS	e.g. EE134290
Special Health Authority (SpHA)	+	F	0-9	1-9	0-9	0				NACS	e.g. T1150
Special Health Authority (SpHA)	I	T	0-9	1-9	0-9	0				ODS	e.g. T1150
Strategic Health Authority (SHA)	D	Q	A-9	A-9						NACS	Strategic Health Authorities in England and Wales Q99 - Wales e.g. Q30
Strategic Health Authority (SHA)	D	Q	A-9	A-9						ODS	Strategic Health Authorities in England and Wales Q99 - Wales e.g. Q30
Transplant Consortium	J	Y, S, W or Z	0-9	0-9	T	0-9				NACS	English Transplant Consortiums are all Closed. England = Y, Scotland = S, Wales = W and N.Ireland = Z e.g. Y01T1
Transplant Consortium	J	Y, S, W or Z	0-9	0-9	T	0-9				ODS	English Transplant Consortiums are all Closed. England = Y, Scotland = S, Wales = W and N.Ireland = Z e.g. Y01T1

Welsh Local Health Board (WLHB)	D	6	A-Y	0-9					NACS	e.g. 6C4
Welsh Local Health Board (WLHB)	D	6	A-Y	0-9					ODS	e.g. 6C4
Workforce Development Confederation	B	L	W	F	A-9	A-9			NACS	e.g. LWF03 All closed June 2006
Workforce Development Confederation	B	L	W	F	A-9	A-9			ODS	e.g. LWF03 All closed June 2006

Note 1: Codes for Executive Agency, Executive Agency Programme, Executive Agency Site and Executive Agency Programme Department do not easily fit into the coding frames as shown above and are therefore not included. This is due to their unusual structure in that there are more hierarchical 'tiers' than with other organisations.

Executive Agency and Executive Agency Programme are both considered Organisation level entities, although each Programme does have a relationship to an Executive Agency. Executive Agency codes are three characters long. Executive Agency Programme codes are six, and their first three characters are the same as the Executive Agency they are associated to.

Department codes of eight characters long can then be allocated underneath a Programme code (sharing the first six characters). Executive Agency Site codes of five characters long can be allocated under an Executive Agency code (and share the first three characters).

Note 2: The Pan SHAs are made up of confederations of SHAs and as such, are Health Areas, not organisations. However, it has been recognised that these health areas do require codes in order that NHS systems continue to function.

Note: A-9 indicates that characters A-Z and 0-9 are valid: except B, I, O, S, U and Z (to avoid ambiguity).

Table 2: CODING FORMATS for ORGANISATIONS in SCOTLAND

Organisation Type	Character Position						Code allocated by:	Notes/Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6		
GP Practice - Scotland	S	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	NHS	
Scottish GP Fundholder	S	A-Z	B	0-9	0-9		ISD, Scotland	2nd character identifies the Health Board the GPFH reports to.

								3rd character (always B) shows GPFH status.
Scottish Health Agency	S	D	0-9	0-9	0-9		ISD, Scotland	2nd character (D) identifies Scottish Office agencies
Scottish Health Board	S	A-Z	9	9	9		ISD, Scotland	
Scottish Provider	S	A-Z	A,C,D	0-9	0-9		ISD, Scotland	2nd character identifies the Health Board the organisation reports to. 3rd character identifies the organisation type: A= Health Unit C = Hospital Trust D = Nursing Home

Table 4: CODING FORMATS for ORGANISATIONS in OTHER HOME COUNTRIES

Organisation Type	Character Position						Code allocated by:	Notes/Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6		
GP Practice - Alderney	A	L	D	0-9	0-9	0-9	NHS BSA PPD	
GP Practice - Guernsey	G	U	E	0-9	0-9	0-9	NHS BSA PPD	
GP Practice - Isle of Man (IOM)	Y	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	NHS BSA PPD	
GP Practice - Jersey	J	E	R	0-9	0-9	0-9	NHS BSA PPD	
Isle of Man (IOM) Government Department	Y	J	A-9				NACS	Eg. YJM

Isle of Man (IOM) Government Department	Y	J	A-9				ODS	Eg. YJM
Isle of Man (IOM) Government Directorate	Y	K	A-9				NACS	Eg. YK1
Isle of Man (IOM) Government Directorate	Y	K	A-9				ODS	Eg. YK1

Note: A-9 indicates that characters A-Z and 0-9 are valid: except B, I, O, S, U and Z (to avoid ambiguity).

~~For the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) contact details, see [Contact Details](#)~~ For the Organisation Data Service contact details, see [Contact Details](#)

This attribute is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
oid	2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.4.3
plural	ORGANISATION CODES

ORGANISATION DEPARTMENT CODE

Change to Attribute: Changed Description

Format/length:	see tables below
HES item:	
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

A code which identifies an [ORGANISATION DEPARTMENT](#) uniquely.

For NHS [ORGANISATIONS](#) it is a code that is managed by either the:

- ~~National Administrative Codes Service (NACS)~~
- [Organisation Data Service \(ODS\)](#)
- NHS Business Services Authority (BSA) Prescription Pricing Division (PPD)

ORGANISATION DEPARTMENT CODING FRAMES

All NHS [ORGANISATION DEPARTMENTS](#) are coded using coding frames, as shown in the tables below:

Character	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Position								

Format	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n
A Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Organisation Identifier			Site Identifier		Department Identifier	
B Frame	Department Type Identifier	Department Identifier						

A Frame:

Example

Local Authority Department e.g. V001AA01

- V = Organisation Type Identifier
- 001 = Organisation Identifier
- AA = Site Identifier
- 01 = Department Identifier

B Frame:

Example

Pathology Laboratory e.g. 69010

- 6 = Department Type Identifier
- 9010 = Department Identifier

~~The structure and format of [ORGANISATION DEPARTMENT CODES](#) maintained by the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS), NHS Business Services Authority (BSA) Prescription Pricing Division (PPD) and other agencies are detailed in the table below.~~ The structure and format of [ORGANISATION DEPARTMENT CODES](#) maintained by the [Organisation Data Service](#), NHS Business Services Authority (BSA) Prescription Pricing Division (PPD) and other agencies are detailed in the table below.

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ORGANISATION CODES TABLES

Table 1: CODING FORMATS for ORGANISATION DEPARTMENTS in ENGLAND and WALES

Organisation Type	Frame Type	Character Position								Code allocated by:	Notes/Comments
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
	See Coding Frames										

	Table										
Executive Agency Programme Department	N/A See Note	X	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	A-Y	A-Y	NACS	First six characters denote Executive Agency Programme e.g. X09001AA
Executive Agency Programme Department	N/A See Note	X	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	A-Y	A-Y	ODS	First six characters denote Executive Agency Programme e.g. X09001AA
Local Authority (LA) Departments	A	V	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-Y	A-Y	A-9	A-9	NACS	First six characters denote LA site e.g. V001AA01
Local Authority (LA) Departments	A	V	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-Y	A-Y	A-9	A-9	ODS	First six characters denote LA site e.g. V001AA01
Pathology Laboratory	B	6	9	A-9	A-9	A-9				NACS	e.g. 69010
Pathology Laboratory	B	6	9	A-9	A-9	A-9				ODS	e.g. 69010

Note: Codes for Executive Agency, Executive Agency Programme, Executive Agency Site and Executive Agency Programme Department do not easily fit into the coding frames as shown above and are therefore not included. This is due to their unusual structure in that there are more hierarchical 'tiers' than with other organisations.

Executive Agency and Executive Agency Programme are both considered Organisation level entities, although each Programme does have a relationship to an Executive Agency. Executive Agency codes are three characters long. Executive Agency Programme codes are six, and their first three characters are the same as the Executive Agency they are associated to.

Department codes of eight characters long can then be allocated underneath a Programme code (sharing the first six characters). Executive Agency Site codes of five characters long can be allocated under an Executive Agency code (and share the first three characters).

Note: A-9 indicates that characters A-Z and 0-9 are valid: except B, I, O, S, U and Z (to avoid ambiguity). For the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) contact details, see [Contact Details](#) For the Organisation Data Service contact details, see [Contact Details](#)

This attribute is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	ORGANISATION DEPARTMENT CODES

ORGANISATION SITE CODE

Change to Attribute: Changed Description

Format/length:	see tables below
HES item:	
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	See the "Organisation Site Default Codes" in the Default Codes Summary Table

This provides a unique identifier of each site for an [ORGANISATION](#).

~~Note: Only [ORGANISATION SITE CODES](#) which have been notified to and issued by the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) may be used.~~ Note: Only [ORGANISATION SITE CODES](#) which have been notified to and issued by the [Organisation Data Service](#) may be used.

ORGANISATION SITE CODING FRAMES

- All NHS [ORGANISATION SITES](#) are coded using coding frames, as shown in the tables below:

Character Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Format	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n
A Frame	Organisation Type Identifier			Organisation Identifier		Site or Sub-Division Identifier			
B Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Organisation Identifier		Site or Sub-Division Identifier					
C Frame	Organisation Type Identifier		Organisation Identifier	Site or Sub-Division Identifier					
D Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Practice Identifier					Branch Surgery Identifier		
E Frame	Organisation Type		Organisation Identifier		Site or				

	Identifier		Sub-Division Identifier				
F Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Organisation Identifier					
G Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Organisation Identifier	Site or Sub-Division Identifier				
H Frame	Organisation Type Identifier		Organisation Identifier				

NHS Organisation Sites:

A Frame:

Example

Local Service Provider Site e.g. LSP0101

- LSP = Org Type Identifier
- 01 = Organisation Identifier
- 01 = Site or sub-division

B Frame:

Example

Strategic Health Authority Site e.g. Q3001

- Q = Organisation Type Identifier
- 30 = Organisation Identifier
- 01 = Site or sub-division

Also:

Primary Care Trust Site	e.g. 5CT49
Care Trust Site	e.g. TAK01
Other Statutory Authority Site	e.g. X1601
NHS Trust Site	e.g. RH802
Government Department Site	e.g. XDA01
Welsh Local Health Board Site	e.g. 6C401
Treatment Centre	e.g. 5CG12

C Frame:

Example

Independent Sector Healthcare Provider Site e.g. NT101

- NT = Organisation Site Type Identifier
- 1 = Organisation Identifier
- 01 = equals site or sub-division

Also:

Isle of Man Site

e.g. YK101

D Frame

Example

GP Practice Branch Surgery: e.g. H81010002

- H (and length of code) = Organisation Identifier
 - 81010 = Organisation Identifier (parent GP Practice)
 - 002 = Branch Surgery Identifier
-

E Frame

Example

Special Health Authority (SpHA) Site: e.g. T2A001

- T2 = Organisation Type Identifier
 - A0 = Organisation Identifier
 - 1 = Site or Sub-Division Identifier
-

F Frame

Example

Dispensary: e.g. FA002

- F = Organisation Type Identifier
 - A002 = Organisation Identifier
-

G Frame

Example

Local Authority Site: e.g. V001AA

- V = Organisation Type Identifier
 - 001 = Organisation Identifier
 - AA = Site or Sub-Division Identifier
-

H Frame

Example

Prison: e.g. YDE01

- YDE = Organisation Type Identifier
- 01 = Site or Sub-Division Identifier

The structure and format of [ORGANISATION SITE CODES](#) maintained by the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS), NHS Business Services Authority (BSA) Prescription Pricing Division (PPD) and other agencies are detailed in the tables below.

The structure and format of [ORGANISATION SITE CODES](#) maintained by the Organisation Data Service, NHS Business Services Authority (BSA) Prescription Pricing Division (PPD) and other agencies are detailed in the tables below.

For the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) contact details, see [Contact Details](#). For the Organisation Data Service contact details, see [Contact Details](#).

NHS ORGANISATION SITE CODES TABLES

Coding Formats

Table 1: CODING FORMATS for ORGANISATION SITES in ENGLAND and WALES

Organisation Type	Frame Type	Character Position									Code allocated by:	Notes/Comments
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
	See Coding Frames Table											
Care Trust Site	B	T	A-Y	A-Y	A-9	A-9					NACS	First three characters denote owning Care Trust e.g. TAK01
Care Trust Site	B	T	A-Y	A-Y	A-9	A-9					ODS	First three characters denote owning Care Trust e.g. TAK01
Dispensary	F	F	A-Y	A-9	0-9	0-9					NHS BSA PPD	e.g. FA002

Executive Agency Site	N/A See Note	*	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9					NACS	First three characters denote Executive Agency e.g. X0901
Executive Agency Site	N/A See Note	X	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9					ODS	First three characters denote Executive Agency e.g. X0901
Government Department Site	B	*	A-Y	A-Y	0-9	0-9					NACS	First three characters denote Government Department e.g. XDA01
Government Department Site	B	X	A-Y	A-Y	0-9	0-9					ODS	First three characters denote Government Department e.g. XDA01
GP Practice Branch Surgery - England and Wales	D	A-H, J-N, P, W & Y	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	NACS	First 6 characters denote parent practice. Char 1 = W for Welsh GP Practice. All other values represent English GP Practices e.g. H81010002
GP Practice Branch Surgery - England and Wales	D	A-H, J-N, P, W & Y	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	ODS	First 6 characters denote parent practice. Char 1 = W for Welsh GP Practice. All other values represent English GP Practices e.g. H81010002

Independent Sector Healthcare Provider Site	E	N	A-Y	A-9	A-9	A-9					NACS	First three characters denote owning Private Healthcare Provider e.g. NT101
Independent Sector Healthcare Provider Site	C	N	A-Y	A-9	A-9	A-9					ODS	First three characters denote owning Private Healthcare Provider e.g. NT101
Local Authority (LA) Site	G	V	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-Y	A-Y				NACS	First four characters denote LA e.g. V001AA
Local Authority (LA) Site	G	V	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-Y	A-Y				ODS	First four characters denote LA e.g. V001AA
Local Service Provider (LSP) Site	A	L	S	P	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9			NACS	First five characters denote LSP e.g. LSP0101
Local Service Provider (LSP) Site	A	L	S	P	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9			ODS	First five characters denote LSP e.g. LSP0101
NHS Trust Site	B	R	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9					NACS	First three characters denote owning NHS Trust e.g. RH002
NHS Trust Site	B	R	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9					ODS	First three characters denote

												owning NHS Trust e.g. RH802
Other Statutory Authority (OSA) Site	B	*	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9					NACS	First three characters denote owning OSA e.g. X1601
Other Statutory Authority (OSA) Site	B	X	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9					ODS	First three characters denote owning OSA e.g. X1601
Primary Care Trust (PCT) Site	B	5	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9					NACS	First three characters denote owning Primary Care Trust e.g. 5CT49
Primary Care Trust (PCT) Site	B	5	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9					ODS	First three characters denote owning Primary Care Trust e.g. 5CT49
Prison	H	Y	D	E	A-9	A-9					NACS	e.g. YDE01
Prison	H	Y	D	E	A-9	A-9					ODS	e.g. YDE01
Special Health Authority (SpHA) Site	E	T	1	1-9	0-9	A-9					NACS	First three characters denote owning SpHA e.g. T115A
Special Health Authority (SpHA) Site	E	T	1	1-9	0-9	A-9					ODS	First three characters denote owning SpHA e.g. T115A

Strategic Health Authority (SHA) Site	B	Q	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9					NACS	First three characters denote owning SHA Trust e.g. Q3001
Strategic Health Authority (SHA) Site	B	Q	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9					ODS	First three characters denote owning SHA Trust e.g. Q3001
Treatment Centre	B	5, N or R	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9					NACS	First three characters denote owning NHS Trust, PCT or Private Healthcare Provider e.g. 5CG12, NT501, RBFTC
Treatment Centre	B	5, N or R	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9					ODS	First three characters denote owning NHS Trust, PCT or Private Healthcare Provider e.g. 5CG12, NT501, RBFTC
Welsh Local Health Board (WLHB) Site	B	6	A-Y	0-9	A-9	A-9					Health Solutions Wales	First three characters denote owning WLHB e.g. 6C4A1

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Executive Agency and Executive Agency Programme are both considered Organisation level entities, although each Programme does have a relationship to an Executive Agency. Executive Agency codes are three characters long. Executive Agency Programme codes are six, and their first three characters are the same as the Executive Agency they are associated to.

Department codes of eight characters long can then be allocated underneath a Programme code (sharing the first six characters). Executive Agency Site codes of five characters long can be allocated under an Executive Agency code (and share the first three characters).

Note: A-9 indicates that characters A-Z and 0-9 are valid: except B, I, O, S, U and Z (to avoid ambiguity).

Table 2: CODING FORMATS for ORGANISATION SITES in OTHER HOME COUNTRIES

Organisation Type	Character Position					Code allocated by:	Notes/Comments
	1	2	3	4	5		
Isle of Man (IOM) Site	Y	K	A-9	A-9	A-9	NACS	First three characters denote parent IOM Directorate e.g. YK101
Isle of Man (IOM) Site	Y	K	A-9	A-9	A-9	ODS	First three characters denote parent IOM Directorate e.g. YK101

Note: A-9 indicates that characters A-Z and 0-9 are valid: except B, I, O, S, U and Z (to avoid ambiguity).

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This attribute is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	ORGANISATION SITE CODES

ORGANISATION SITE TREATMENT CENTRE

Change to Attribute: Changed Description

This indicates whether or not an [ORGANISATION SITE](#) is a Treatment Centre.

It is necessary to monitor care delivered by the NHS and Independent Sector Treatment Centres and be able to differentiate it from other [CARE ACTIVITY](#) provided to NHS [PATIENTS](#). ~~Treatment Centres whether NHS or Independent Sector, should be registered as individual [ORGANISATION SITES](#) with the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS).~~ [Treatment Centres whether NHS or Independent Sector, should be registered as individual ORGANISATION SITES with the Organisation Data Service.](#)

National Codes:

- 1 Not a Treatment Centre
- 2 NHS Treatment Centre
- 3 Independent Sector Treatment Centre

This attribute is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	ORGANISATION SITE TREATMENT CENTRES

GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER (SPECIFIED)

Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/length:	an8
HES item:	REGGMP
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	G9999998 - General Medical Practitioner PPD code not known R9999981 - Referrer other than General Medical Practitioner, General Dental Practitioner or Consultant Other GP Codes A9999998 - Ministry of Defence doctor

Notes:

This is the code of the [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER](#) specified by the [PATIENT](#).

This is a [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER](#) within the [General Medical Practitioner Practice](#) that the [PATIENT](#) is registered.

A doctor receives a [GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL \(GMC\) NUMBER](#) when they first register with the General Medical Council. If an NHS doctor chooses to enter general practice, a further number is allocated, the [DOCTOR INDEX NUMBER \(DIN\)](#), by the [Health and Social Care Information Centre](#). This number is passed to the [Primary Care Trust](#) requesting the number who then liaise with the NHS Business Services Authority Prescription Pricing Division on the issue of prescription pads etc. The NHS Business Services Authority Prescription Pricing Division use the number to derive the [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER PPD CODE](#) by prefixing it with the character 'G' and adding a check digit at the end.

The [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER](#) code is an eight character alphanumeric code, see [PERSON IDENTIFIER](#) and [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER PPD CODE](#).

When a locum refers, use the code of the [GENERAL PRACTITIONER](#) for whom the locum is acting. See [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER PPD CODE](#).

For [GENERAL PRACTITIONERS](#) working in hospitals, the following codes should be used:

- if the [GENERAL PRACTITIONER](#) is working as an assistant, use the code of the responsible [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER \(SPECIFIED\)](#);
- if the [GENERAL PRACTITIONER](#) is working as a [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER \(SPECIFIED\)](#), use the [GENERAL PRACTITIONER's](#) [GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL \(GMC\) NUMBER](#).

Whilst Ministry of Defence doctors provide general medical services to their communities, they are not [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS](#) and should not be recorded as Registered [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS](#). They can refer ([REFERRER CODE](#)).

~~For the National Administrative Codes Service contact details, see [Contact Details](#).~~ For the Organisation Data Service contact details, see [Contact Details](#).

GMP (CODE OF REGISTERED OR REFERRING GMP) DESCRIPTION REPLACED 1 JUNE 2008.

This is the code of the [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER](#) (GMP) with whom the [PATIENT](#) is registered.

A doctor receives a [GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL \(GMC\) NUMBER](#) on qualification. If he/she then chooses to enter general practice, a further number is allocated (the [DOCTOR INDEX NUMBER \(DIN\)](#)) by the [Health and Social Care Information Centre](#). This number is passed to the [Primary Care Trust](#) (PCT) requesting the number who then liaise with the NHS Business Services Authority (BSA) Prescription Pricing Division (PPD) on the issue of prescription pads etc. The NHS BSA PPD use the number to derive the [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER PPD CODE](#) by prefixing it with the character 'G' and adding a check digit at the end. The [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER](#) code linked to his/her main practice is included on the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) CD-ROM and the NACS *NHSnet* website.

The [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER](#) code is an eight character alphanumeric code, see [PERSON IDENTIFIER](#) and [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER PPD CODE](#).

When a locum refers, use the code of the [GENERAL PRACTITIONER](#) for whom the locum is acting. See [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER PPD CODE](#).

For [GENERAL PRACTITIONERS](#) working in hospitals, the following codes should be used:

- if the [GENERAL PRACTITIONER](#) is working as an assistant, use the code of the responsible consultant;
- if the [GENERAL PRACTITIONER](#) is working as a consultant, use the [GENERAL PRACTITIONER](#)'s [GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL \(GMC\) NUMBER](#).

Whilst Ministry of Defence (MoD) doctors provide general medical services to their communities, they are not [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS](#) and should not be recorded as Registered [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS](#). They can refer ([REFERRER CODE](#)).

For the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) contact details, see [Contact Details](#).

This data element is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
schema	GMP_CodeOfRegisteredOrReferringGMP
formerly	GMP (CODE OF REGISTERED OR REFERRING GMP)
plural	GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (SPECIFIED)

LOWER LAYER SUPER OUTPUT AREA (RESIDENCE)

Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/length:	annnnnnnn
HES item:	SOAL
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	Z99999999 - Scotland, Northern Ireland, Channel Islands, Isle of Man X99999998 - Not Applicable (outside the United Kingdom) X99999999 - Not Known

Notes:

The [Lower Layer Super Output Area](#) for where the [PATIENT](#) is resident. This is the [GEOGRAPHIC AREA CODE](#) where the [GEOGRAPHIC AREA TYPE](#) is national code *15 - Lower Layer Super Output Area*.

There is a [Lower Layer Super Output Area](#) for each [POSTCODE](#) in England and Wales.

~~The National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) provide files which link postcodes to the Lower Layer Super Output Area. See the NACS website at [Contact Details](#) for the NHS Postcode Directory Gridlink ® Record Specification and data file.~~ The [Organisation Data Service](#) provide files which link postcodes to the [Lower Layer Super Output Area](#). See the [Organisation Data Service](#) website at [Contact Details](#) or the online distribution service, TRUD (Terminology Reference Data Update Distribution Service), for the NHS Postcode Directory Gridlink ® Record Specification and data file.

ORGANISATION CODE (CODE OF COMMISSIONER)

Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/length:	see ORGANISATION CODE
HES item:	PURCODE
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

Notes:

[ORGANISATION CODE \(CODE OF COMMISSIONER\)](#) is the same as the attribute [ORGANISATION CODE](#).

This is the [ORGANISATION CODE](#) of the [ORGANISATION](#) commissioning health care. This should always be the [ORGANISATION CODE](#) of the original commissioner for Commissioning Data Sets to support Payment by Results.

Commissioning responsibility for individual [PATIENTS](#) rests with the [Primary Care Trust](#) with whom the [PATIENT](#) is registered. This means that [PATIENTS](#) registered with a [General Medical Practitioner Practice](#) in one [Primary Care Trust](#) area may reside in a neighbouring or other area but remain the responsibility of the [Primary Care Trust](#) with whom their [General Medical Practitioner Practice](#) of registration is associated. [Primary Care Trusts](#) are also responsible for non-registered [PATIENTS](#) who are resident within their boundaries.

For [Non-Contract Activity](#), for English registered [PATIENTS](#) the [ORGANISATION CODE \(CODE OF COMMISSIONER\)](#) is the responsible [Primary Care Trust](#).

For [Non-Contract Activity](#) on [PATIENTS](#) from Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland (devolved administrations) the [ORGANISATION CODE \(CODE OF COMMISSIONER\)](#) is the commissioner from the devolved administration. Where specialised services are commissioned by *Health Commission Wales* the code W01HC should be used.

Charge-exempt overseas [PATIENTS](#) are identified by the [OVERSEAS VISITORS STATUS CLASSIFICATION](#) where the National Code is either 1 '*Exempt from payment - subject to reciprocal health agreement*' or 2 '*Exempt from payment - other*'. Charge-exempt overseas [PATIENT](#) activity is funded via the main (host) commissioner - normally the [Primary Care Trust](#) with the highest value of service agreements with the [NHS Trust](#). However, for [ACTIVITY](#) that is 'exempt from payment - subject to reciprocal health agreement' TDH00 should be used in the [ORGANISATION CODE \(CODE OF COMMISSIONER\)](#) field. The code for the Overseas country should be given in the [POSTCODE](#) field. [ACTIVITY](#) that is given the TDH00 code will be captured centrally by the Secondary Uses Service (SUS), sent to the provider's host commissioner to pay, and copied to Leeds [Primary Care Trust](#). [ACTIVITY](#) under the 'exempt from payment - other' category eg infectious diseases, should be given the [ORGANISATION CODE \(CODE OF COMMISSIONER\)](#) of the main commissioner as the activity is not required by Leeds [Primary Care Trust](#).

For [PATIENTS](#) from the Channel Islands, Gibraltar and the Isle of Man it is recommended that TDH00 should be used in the [ORGANISATION CODE \(CODE OF COMMISSIONER\)](#). The code for the Overseas country should be

given in the [POSTCODE](#) field.

For overseas chargeable [PATIENTS](#) and private [PATIENTS](#) the [ORGANISATION CODE \(CODE OF COMMISSIONER\)](#) should be VPP00.

For Specialised Services, the [ORGANISATION CODE \(CODE OF COMMISSIONER\)](#) required would be that of the commissioning consortium. ~~The code may be the [ORGANISATION CODE](#) of the 'lead' commissioner or a valid pseudo-organisation code registered by the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS).~~
<http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/technical/standards/nacs> The code may be the [ORGANISATION CODE](#) of the 'lead' commissioner or a valid pseudo [ORGANISATION CODE](#) registered by the Organisation Data Service. See the [Organisation Data Service](#) website at [Contact Details](#).

For episodes funded directly by the National Specialised Commissioning Group (NSCG) the code YDD82 should be used. ~~Charge exempt overseas visitors who require services covered by NSCG arrangements are funded through NSCG.~~ Charge-exempt overseas visitors who require services covered by the National Specialised Commissioning Group arrangements are funded through the National Specialised Commissioning Group.

This data element is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	ORGANISATION CODES (CODE OF COMMISSIONER)

ORGANISATION CODE (CODE OF PROVIDER)

Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/length:	see ORGANISATION CODE
HES item:	PROCEDURE
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	89997 - Non-UK provider where no organisation code has been issued 89999 - Non-NHS UK provider where no organisation code has been issued

Notes:

[ORGANISATION CODE \(CODE OF PROVIDER\)](#) is the same as the attribute [ORGANISATION CODE](#).

This is the [ORGANISATION CODE](#) of the [ORGANISATION](#) acting as a [Health Care Provider](#). This should always be the [ORGANISATION CODE](#) of the provider receiving the Payment by Results tariff income for the Commissioning Data Sets.

~~Where NHS patient care is sub-commissioned to independent or overseas providers, the NHS Service Agreement should specify that the non-NHS provider has requested an identifying organisation code from the National Administrative Codes Service (NACS).~~ Where NHS patient care is sub-commissioned to independent or overseas providers, the NHS Service Agreement should specify that the non-NHS provider has requested an identifying organisation code from the [Organisation Data Service](#).

This data element is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
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plural

ORGANISATION CODES (CODE OF PROVIDER)

ORGANISATION CODE (PCT OF RESIDENCE)

Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/length:	an3 - see ORGANISATION CODE
HES item:	PCTR
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	See Default Codes Summary Table

Notes:

The [ORGANISATION CODE \(PCT OF RESIDENCE\)](#) is the same as the attribute [ORGANISATION CODE](#) where the [ORGANISATION TYPE](#) is national code PT - [Primary Care Trust](#).

This is the [ORGANISATION CODE](#) of the [Primary Care Trust](#) derived from the [PATIENT's POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS](#).

For the purposes of sending Commissioning Data Set (CDS) messages to the Secondary Uses Service (regardless of how local systems hold the data) it is essential at present to continue using a 3 character field, using the first 3 characters of the [ORGANISATION CODE \(PCT OF RESIDENCE\)](#) and following the same update rules relating to Prime Recipient as are currently in place. This is necessary primarily to preserve the integrity of the current NHS CDS message and the Prime Recipient which is derived from the [ORGANISATION CODE \(PCT OF RESIDENCE\)](#).

~~The National Administrative Codes Service (NACS) provides postcode files which link postcodes to the [Primary Care Trust](#).~~ The [Organisation Data Service](#) provides postcode files which link postcodes to the [Primary Care Trust](#). See [NHS Postcode Directory](#).

~~For the NACS contact details, see [Contact Details](#).~~ For the [Organisation Data Service](#) contact details, see [Contact Details](#).

This data element is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
shortname	PCT OF RESIDENCE
plural	ORGANISATION CODES (PCT OF RESIDENCE)

OPERATIVE PROCEDURE

Change to Class: Changed Description

A subtype of [CLINICAL CLASSIFICATION](#).

A unique code identifying an operation which can be performed on a [PATIENT](#). ~~The coding structure is provided by the Office of National Statistics and defined in the OPCS Operations Classification, 4th Revision.~~ The coding structure is provided by the Office for National Statistics and defined in the OPCS Operations Classification, 4th

Revision.

This class is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	OPERATIVE PROCEDURES

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