

DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE

Reference No:	DSCN 15/2009 DSCN(2009) 08 (W) (Welsh DSCN)
Version No:	1.0
Subject:	Organisation Data Service – Local Health Boards
Type of Change:	Introduction of a new approved information standard
Implementation Date:	1 October 2009
Business Justification:	New codes and accompanying standards are required to reflect organisational changes to the NHS in Wales. Details have been published in an Establishment and Dissolution Statutory Instrument (S.I.) which is available to view on the Office of Public Sector Information website

Introduction

The NHS in Wales currently consists of separate Primary Care (Welsh Local Health Board) and Secondary Care (NHS Trust) organisations. All of these organisations are 'statutory', that is, their establishment, dissolution and remit are mandated by the Welsh Assembly Government through white papers called Statutory Instruments (S.I.). Identification codes exist for each of these types of organisation and their sites, maintained and published by the Organisation Data Service (ODS).

The Welsh Assembly Government has approved a restructuring of the Welsh NHS, wherein the majority of existing Primary care and Secondary care organisations are to be merged to form new organisations. All the proposed changes and effective dates have been published within an Establishment and Dissolution S.I. which is available to view on the [Office of Public Sector Information website](#). The ODS are legally obliged to reflect an authoritative view of all statutory NHS organisations within their data, so the changes detailed in these S.I. need to be accurately reflected from the specified operational date for the new organisations of 1 October 2009.

Accordingly, all ODS identification codes for dissolved organisations will be closed as of 30 September 2009. New codes for the new organisations will be created as of 1 October 2009. As the new organisations have a new remit to that of the old, new standards will be created, defining a new organisation type with an accompanying new organisation code format.

The changes will affect existing files containing Welsh Local Health Boards, Welsh Local Health Board Sites, Welsh NHS Trusts and Welsh NHS Trust Sites (note that the files containing the NHS Trust and NHS Trust Site records also contain records for English organisations).

All users of ODS organisation code data, including: providers and commissioners that use the data in returns and messaging, IT systems suppliers, the Information Centre and NHS Connecting For Health systems and services, must be aware of the pending changes. All must ensure that any changes to systems, processes, validation and other automated routines that use ODS data are made in time for the new codes which are to be introduced on 1 October 2009.

Background

The Welsh Assembly Government has mandated the reorganisation of NHS organisations, specifically the merging of existing Local Health Boards which provide primary care, with a number of NHS Trusts which provide secondary care, to form larger conglomerate organisations that combine both aspects of health provision.

The ODS organisational codes data not only provides identifier codes for organisations but also provides pointers to those organisation's functions (i.e. its 'type'), a change history record for organisations (recording mergers/splits etc.) and details of the relationships between organisations (i.e. parent-child relationships). This being the case, all reconfigurations of organisations within the NHS are reflected by changes within the ODS data.

'Types' of organisation are defined in the ODS data using in-built intelligence in their identification codes, e.g. a specific leading character combined with the length of the code can denote the type of organisation that a code identifies an instance of. This constitutes one of the standards governing ODS codes.

The changes being made in Wales effectively create a new 'type' of organisation; their function is different to the current organisations in that they will deal with both Primary *and* Secondary Care. In order to adequately represent this change the ODS will introduce a new organisation type with accompanying standards like 'code format' and 'org type name'.

Introducing a new code type standard has two main advantages. Firstly the new organisations, with their new responsibilities and functions, will be easily identifiable and recognisably separate from their older counterparts as a result of their unique formatting. Secondly the closure of the old codes and introduction of the new standard (communicated through this DSCN) will serve to make users aware of the significant changes to the way the NHS is structured and how it operates in Wales.

Further information on the rationale behind the organisational changes can be found on the Welsh Assembly Government web pages: of specific relevance here are the [Consultation Paper](#) and the [Statement from the Welsh Minister for Health and Social Services](#) in response to the paper.

Details of Change

Welsh Local Health Boards:

- All current Welsh Local Health Boards and their sites are migrating to the new organisation type. This means all current codes for Welsh Local Health Boards and their Sites will have a close date of 30 September 2009.

Note regarding Powys LHB (6C4): Although one Welsh Local Health Board (Powys - 6C4) is not actually merging with a Trust as a part of this reconfiguration, it is considered to undertake both Primary and Secondary care roles in its area already so it will be included in the reconfiguration to the new organisation type to reflect this.

NHS Trusts:

- Seven Welsh NHS Trusts are involved in mergers and will be migrating to the new organisation type. This means these seven records and their sites will close with effect from 30 September 2009
- Two Welsh NHS Trusts are *not* merging. Both are considered to operate outside of the remit being taken on by the new organisations and will continue to do so, and accordingly will not be reconfigured to the new organisation type. These are:
 - Velindre NHS Trust (RQF): principal role as a provider of cancer services. Also currently hosts a number of different national services on behalf of the Welsh NHS.
 - Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust (RT4): similarly, provides a national service to the whole of Wales.

New Local Health Boards:

The Welsh Assembly Government has decided to give the new organisations and their sites, formed as a result of the reconfiguration, very similar type names as the existing primary care providers – 'Local Health Board' and 'Local Health Board Site'. There is to be a slight difference in the names for the new organisation types to help distinguish them from the old (use of the word 'Welsh'):

- Current type *name*: Welsh Local Health Board
- New type *name*: Local Health Board
- Current type *name*: Welsh Local Health Board Site
- New type *name*: Local Health Board Site

Full organisation type descriptions for both the old Welsh Local Health Boards and the new Local Health Boards are to be published within the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.

The new Local Health Board and Local Health Board Site codes will be formatted as follows:

Table 1: New LHB Code Formats

Organisation Type	Character position					Code Allocated By	Notes/Comments
	1	2	3	4	5		
Local Health Board	7	A-9	A-9			ODS	E.g. 7A1
Local Health Board Site	7	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9	ODS	First three characters denote owning NHS Trust E.g. 7A101

The new organisations are to be published in the same files as the existing LHBs. This means that post 1 October 2009, the files that currently contain only the '6'-prefixed LHB codes will also contain the new, '7'-prefixed codes for the new-style LHBs (note all the old-style codes will be assigned close dates). Table 2 lists the files that will be affected in this way:

Table 2: Files Containing New-Style LHBs:

File Name	Content
Whbs.csv	Old-Style and New-Style Welsh Local Health Boards and Welsh Local Health Board Sites
Wlhb.csv	Old-Style and New-Style Welsh Local Health Boards
Wlhb-site.csv	Old-Style and New-Style Welsh Local Health Board Sites

Summary:

All users of ODS organisation data should perform a risk assessment to establish whether the system or service that uses the data will be affected by the change. Likely users will include (but in no way be limited to) all database and/or systems administrators within NHS organisations in Wales, as well as those in English organisations that interact with the NHS in Wales: anyone who maintains a Patient Administration System (PAS), for instance. Staff completing central returns will use the new codes to identify the organisations as the source or destination of referrals, the location of treatment or the location of financial, estates or workforce activities. Other systems and services that make use of ODS codes include NHSmail, the BT N3 team, Tracking Database and the NHS Choices website – all will need to make use of the new codes to varying degrees to identify physical locations and the organisations responsible for their operation.

If there is any reliance on ODS data for either NHS Trusts or Welsh Local Health Boards (or any of their sites) then preparations should be made to ensure that the systems in question will be capable of accepting the new standard prior to its introduction. Such preparations should include amending any validation processes so that the new format codes, as detailed above, will be accepted. Failure to do so may impact data refreshes as automated loads to systems may not work with the new codes. Users should be aware of the closures of the records for the dissolved organisations and their sites and the possibility that these may interrupt financial transactions or other processes that may continue past the closure dates.

Implementation for the changes is defined as the 30 September 2009 for all closures, with all new organisations opening 1 October 2009. Successor links between the old Organisations and Sites and the new Organisations and Sites will be defined in the succ.csv file.

Users should note, however, that the above timescale for implementation is subject to the ongoing ODS publication schedule. Whilst the operational date for the new organisation set out in the S.I. is 1 October (and this will be reflected in the data itself through the open dates for the new records), and this is therefore the implementation date as well, the files containing the data in question will not be published until Friday 16 October.

Details of all old organisations and new organisations, plus detail on how the old map to the new including ODS codes, are listed in the table in the Appendix 1. In addition a spreadsheet containing the same information for old and new sites is available from ODS upon request.

Timescales for Implementation / Change

FRAMEWORK	Health and Social Care Personnel	Organisation¹	IT Suppliers²
Effective Date³ "may use"	1 October 2009	1 October 2009	1 October 2009
Implementation Date⁴ "must use"	1 October 2009	1 October 2009	1 October 2009
Conformance Date⁸ "must be used effectively and assessed for use"	1 October 2009	1 October 2009	1 October 2009

Effects on Other Information Standards

Three existing standards (published in a number of files) will be affected by the introduction of the new LHB codes:

- NHS Postcode Directories (files containing Welsh postcodes only)
- Dental Practice codes
- GP Practice codes

NHS Postcode Directories:

The NHS Postcode Directory (NHSPD) is a product provided by the Office for National Statistics (ONS), to the ODS for publication. The file links every UK postcode to various other geographies such as grid references, local authorities etc. Some ODS organisation codes are included within the directory, including the Primary Care Trust, Local Health Board or Care Trust responsible for the area the postcode falls within (field 20). There is also an existing field designated to hold the 'old' Primary Care Trust, LHB or Care Trust values (field 34).

Presently, for Welsh postcodes, fields 20 and 34 contain the same value. Following the change however the two fields will be different; field 20 will hold the new style codes, and field 34 will continue to hold the code for the old-style LHB going forward. This field will continue to be populated even for newly introduced postcodes, using the boundaries as defined before the organisational change, which will continue to be maintained by the ONS.

There are two different versions of the NHSPD, a 'full' Gridlink version which contains a wide range of geographies mapped to each postcode, and a 'reduced' pcode version which contains only SHA, PCT and Local Authority allocation. Both forms of the NHSPD are affected by this change.

Table 3 lists all the postcode files which are affected by the changes introduced as a result of the Welsh reconfiguration.

Table 3: Postcode files affected by change – file names and content

File Name	Content
Gridwsn.csv	Postcode, HA, Local Authority District, Grid References and LHB Allocations for Wales, and Postcode and HB Allocation for Scotland and N. Ireland
Gridall.csv	Complete Gridlink NHS Postcode file
Pcodewsn.csv	Postcode, HA and LHG/LHB Allocation for Wales, and Postcode and HB Allocation for Scotland and N. Ireland
Pcodeall.csv	Postcode, SHA and PCT Allocation for England, Wales, Scotland and N. Ireland

GP Practices and Dental Practices:

Dental Practice and GP Practice identifier codes are supplied by the NHS Dental Services and the NHS Prescription Services respectively. Both files link practices (or prescribing cost-centres) to the PCT or LHB responsible for their area. When the Welsh reconfiguration takes place the fields containing these links for the Welsh practices will be switched to link them to the new Local Health Boards. This will likely have a knock-on affect on any other systems that deal with GP or patient registration.

Table 4 lists all the files containing practices (both dental and GP) which are affected by the changes introduced as a result of the Welsh reconfiguration.

Table 4: Practice files affected by change – file names and content

File Name	Content
Egdpprac.csv	Current General Dental Practices
Egdppracmem.csv	General Dental Practice Membership
Epraccur.csv	Current GP Practices and Prescribing Cost Centres
Epcm.csv	GP Practices Making up Each PCT, Care Trust or LHB (mapping file)
Egpam.csv	Monthly Changes to GP, GP Practice and PCT data
Egpmem.csv	Monthly Changes to GP Practice and PCT Membership Data
Egpaq.csv	Quarterly Changes to GP, GP Practice and PCT data
Egpmemaq.csv	Quarterly Changes to GP Practice and PCT Membership Data

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Appendix 1

Organisations Reconfiguration Detail

This table illustrates which of the current organisation codes will be closing and how the reconfiguration maps old codes to the new, including a list of the new organisations and their codes.

Code	Merging Trust & LHB	New Name	New Code
RT7	NORTH WEST WALES NHS TRUST	Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board	7A1
RYP	NORTH WALES NHS TRUST		
6A2	GWYNEDD LHB		
6A7	CONWY LHB		
6B1	ANGLESEY LHB		
6B4	WREXHAM LHB		
6B5	FLINTSHIRE LHB		
6C1	DENBIGHSHIRE LHB		
RYN	HYWEL DDA NHS TRUST	Hywel Dda Local Health Board	7A2
6A3	PEMBROKESHIRE LHB		
6B7	CARMARTHENSHIRE LHB		
6A4	CEREDIGION LHB		
RYM	ABERTAWA BRO MORGANNWG UNIVERSITY NHS TRUST	Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Local Health Board	7A3
6A5	NEATH PORT TALBOT LHB		
6A6	SWANSEA LHB		
6B3	BRIDGEND LHB		
RWM	CARDIFF AND VALE NHS TRUST	Cardiff & Vale University Local Health Board	7A4
6A8	CARDIFF LHB		
6B6	VALE OF GLAMORGAN LHB		
RYL	CWM TAF NHS TRUST	Cwm Taf Local Health Board	7A5
6A9	RHONDDA CYNON TAF TEACHING LHB		
6B8	MERTHYR TYDFIL LHB		
RVF	GWENT HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST	Aneurin Bevan Local Health Board	7A6
6A1	MONMOUTHSHIRE LHB		
6B9	NEWPORT LHB		
6C2	BLAENAU GWENT LHB		
6C3	TORFAEN LHB		
6B2	CAERPHILLY TEACHING LHB		
6C4	POWYS TEACHING LHB	Powys Teaching Local Health Board	7A7
RQF	VELINDRE NHS TRUST	Not reconfiguring	
RT4	WELSH AMBULANCE SERVICES NHS TRUST	Not reconfiguring	

Organisation Sites Reconfiguration Detail

An excel spreadsheet containing full details of which of the current organisation site codes will be closing and how the reconfiguration maps old codes to the new, including a list of the new organisation sites and their codes is available from the ODS, which can be contacted through the Exeter helpdesk using the below details. If any existing codes are not listed, this means they are being closed in the reconfiguration and not having a counterpart open under a new organisation. Site names highlighted in red indicate that a change is taking place between the old site name and the new one.

Note that only one LHB (Powys) actually has any sites currently.

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Notes:

1. Relevant organisations are those organisations as defined in the standard who must take direct action to implement the standard
2. IT Suppliers are all suppliers to the organisations listed at ¹ who supply functionality pertinent to that standard
3. **Effective Date** is the date from which a new standard can be used but may not be mandatory. This might facilitate piloting, for example, or enable time for system functionality development. At this point, **you “may use” the standard.**
4. **Implementation Date** is the point from which the new standard becomes mandatory. Ideally, it inherently implies organisations use appropriate systems i.e. the date is the same for organisations and suppliers. However, there maybe circumstances where interim workarounds are required i.e. the date is different for organisations and suppliers. At this date, **you “must use” the standard.** Where the standard demands data is submitted centrally, sub components of implementation date (and possibly ‘effective date’) are:
 5. **Collection Start Date** – this is the date collection of data must begin
 6. **First Submission Date** – this is the date of first submission of data centrally
 7. **Reporting Period / Submission Cycle** – If the standard calls for further collection and submission at defined intervals, this cell provides text of the reporting period (e.g. calendar month, financial year) and the submission cycle (e.g. submit data monthly on the 10th working day of the subsequent month).
8. **Conformance Date** is the date from which the service and IT system suppliers must use the standard as envisaged i.e. using appropriate IT solutions rather than interim workarounds and, if the standard requires it, an independent, authoritative body or legitimate internal audit would conduct a conformity assessment with the expectation of full conformance by all relevant parties. It is the **“must use standard effectively and assessed for use”** date
9. **Superseded Date** of the prior standard sets the date at which the prior standard is replaced by the new standard i.e. the prior standard must no longer be used. This date will apply only where there was a pre-existing standard made redundant by the new standard. It might be different from preceding dates in the framework if, for example, a new and old standard run in parallel for a period. It is the date from which you **“stop using the prior standard”**.

NHS Connecting for Health

NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service

Reference:	Change Request 1065
Version No:	1.0
Subject:	1065
Effective Date:	1 October 2009
Reason for Change:	Change to ODS identification codes to reflect reconfiguration of the NHS in Wales
Publication Date:	2 July 2009

Background:

The NHS in Wales currently consists of separate Primary care (Welsh Local Health Board) and Secondary care (NHS Trust) organisations. Identification codes exist for each of these organisations and are maintained and published by the Organisation Data Service (ODS).

The Welsh Government has approved a restructuring wherein Primary and Secondary care organisations are to be merged. All Organisation Data Service codes for Welsh organisations will be updated to reflect the changes. This process is to include the introduction of a new organisation type and accompanying new code format.

The new Organisation Data Service codes come into effect on 1 October 2009.

Note: Two Welsh NHS Trusts are not merging and therefore their Organisation Codes remain unchanged. These are, Velindre NHS Trust (RQF) and Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust (RT4).

This Data Set Change Notice makes the following changes to the NHS Data Model and Dictionary:

- Updates references to Welsh Local Health Boards to detail their closure on 30 September 2009 and adds new references to Local Health Boards in the following Attribute definitions:
 - ORGANISATION CODE
 - ORGANISATION SITE CODE
 - ORGANISATION SITE TYPE
 - ORGANISATION TYPE
- Introduces a new NHS Business Definition for Local Health Board
- Updates the NHS Postcode Directory page.

Summary of changes:

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ORGANISATIONS MENU	Changed Description

Attribute Definitions

ORGANISATION CODE	Changed Description
ORGANISATION SITE CODE	Changed Description
ORGANISATION SITE TYPE	Changed Description
ORGANISATION TYPE	Changed Description

Date: 2 July 2009

Sponsor: Sean Walsh, Director of Systems and Service Delivery

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.

LOCAL HEALTH BOARD

Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

A **Local Health Board** (formerly known as **Welsh Local Health Board**) is an **ORGANISATION**.

Local Health Boards are bodies corporate established by the Welsh Ministers under s.11 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006.

A **Local Health Board** will be responsible for:

- Those functions undertaken by the twenty-two **Welsh Local Health Boards** up to 30 September 2009 (including securing the provision of health care services for the **PERSONS** resident within their respective areas);
- The provision of health care services within their areas;
- The planning and provision of specialised and tertiary services that were commissioned by Health Commission Wales up to 30 September 2009. The planning of some of those specialised and tertiary services may be executed via joint committees such as that envisaged for the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC).

This model will ensure the emphasis remains on co-operation and engagement with local partners, particularly in relation to the Health, Social Care and Well-being Strategies and Children and Young People's Plans.

WELSH LOCAL HEALTH BOARD DESCRIPTION REPLACED 1 OCTOBER 2009

A **Welsh Local Health Board** is an **ORGANISATION**.

A **Welsh Local Health Board** is a body corporate established by the Welsh Ministers under s.11 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006; whose areas are coterminous with local authority boundaries. **Welsh Local Health Boards** are responsible for **PATIENTS** who are "usually resident in their area".

The overall function of a **Welsh Local Health Board** is to improve the health of the responsible population, develop primary health services, and commission community and secondary care services. A **Welsh Local Health Board** will, if it so wishes and is capable of doing so, be able to provide directly a range of community health services, creating new opportunities to integrate primary and community health services as well as health and social care provision.

Welsh Local Health Boards will be the leading **NHS ORGANISATION** for partnership with Local Authorities and other partners; including **NHS Trusts** and other **Welsh Local Health Boards**, and local communities to improve health and deliver wider objectives for social and economic regeneration.

Save for certain specialised services commissioned by Health Commission Wales, **Welsh Local Health Boards** commission services themselves, although they may by agreement with other **Welsh Local Health Boards**, work together to commission certain services, e.g. on a Regional basis. In this case a lead **Welsh Local Health Board** will be identified for the group.

NHS POSTCODE DIRECTORY

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

- ~~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.~~
- 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 Trusts](#) and [Care Trusts](#) (England), [Local Health Boards](#) (Wales), [Community Health Partnerships](#) (Scotland) and [Strategic Health Authority](#) codes. The file also includes pseudo postcodes covering defaults and overseas countries.
- 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, Terminology Reference Data Update Distribution Service (TRUD) and through the [Organisation Data Service](#) pages on NHSnet; see [Contact Details](#).
- 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://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/ods/downloads/officenatstats/> (NHS Postcode Directory) and
 - <http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/ods/downloads/postcode/> (reduced files).

The same descriptions can also be accessed via Terminology Reference Data Update Distribution Service (TRUD).

- 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

- ~~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.~~
- 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.
- ~~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		

[POSTCODES](#) are of the general format:

Character	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Position								
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.~~

- 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.

~~The following table gives examples of typical postcodes.~~ The following table gives examples of typical **POSTCODES**:

Character Position								Allocated by	Notes
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
W	9				3	X	X	Royal Mail	
D	A	1			5	P	L	Royal Mail	
M	K	4	5		1	T	E	Royal Mail	
Z	Z	9	9		4	L	Z	ODS	Pseudo Postcodes, Defaults and Overseas

- ~~• 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](#).~~
- 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 **POSTCODES** (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

- [Strategic Health Authorities](#) in England are indicated by their standard [Organisation Data Service](#) codes (O 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 ZEO, ZNO, ZSO, ZWO. [Strategic Health Authorities](#) in England use three character codes commencing with a 'Q'.
- [Local Health Boards](#) in Wales use three character codes commencing with a '7'.

- 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.
- No [Strategic Health Authorities](#) 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).
- For further information on [Strategic Health Authority](#), [Local Health Board](#), and [Health Board codes](#) and their values, see [ADMINISTRATIVE CODES](#).

Related Products

Related Products

- The [Office for National Statistics](#) 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.~~ These show a breakdown of [Strategic Health Authorities](#) by [Local Government authorities](#) and [Electoral Wards](#). Copies are available from the [Office for National Statistics](#). Electronic copies are also provided by the [Organisation Data Service](#) through the online distribution service, Terminology Reference Data Update Distribution Service (TRUD) and through the [Organisation Data Service](#) pages on NHSnet, see [Contact Details](#).
- 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](#).
- The [Organisation Data Service](#) issues the full manuals through the online distribution service, Terminology Reference Data Update Distribution Service (TRUD) 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](#).~~ 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](#).~~ 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 the [Organisation Data Service](#), who are taking the lead on this product on behalf of the NHS; see [Contact Details](#).

ORGANISATIONS MENU

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

- ~~Referenced Organisations:~~
 - [British Psychological Society](#)
 - [Care Quality Commission](#)

- [Department for Children, Schools and Families](#)
- [Department of Health](#)
- [Health and Social Care Information Centre](#)
- [Health Protection Agency](#)
- [Health Solution Wales](#)
- [Information Standards Board for Health and Social Care](#)
- [International Health Terminology Standards Development Organisation](#)
- [NHS Dental Services](#)
- [NHS Prescription Services](#)
- [Office for National Statistics](#)
- [Organisation Data Service](#)
- [UK Terminology Centre](#)
- **Referenced Organisations:**
 - [British Psychological Society](#)
 - [Care Quality Commission](#)
 - [Department for Children, Schools and Families](#)
 - [Department of Health](#)
 - [Health and Social Care Information Centre](#)
 - [Health Protection Agency](#)
 - [Health Solution Wales](#)
 - [Information Standards Board for Health and Social Care](#)
 - [International Health Terminology Standards Development Organisation](#)
 - [Local Health Board \(Wales\)](#)
 - [NHS Dental Services](#)
 - [NHS Prescription Services](#)
 - [Office for National Statistics](#)
 - [Organisation Data Service](#)
 - [UK Terminology Centre](#)
- **Regulatory Bodies:**
 - [General Chiropractic Council](#)
 - [General Dental Council](#)
 - [General Medical Council](#)
 - [General Optical Council](#)
 - [General Osteopathic Council](#)
 - [General Social Care Council](#)
 - [Health Professions Council](#)
 - [Nursing and Midwifery Council](#)
 - [Ophthalmic Qualifications Committee](#)
 - [Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain](#)

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:

- [Organisation Data Service \(ODS\)](#)

- [NHS Prescription Services](#)
- [NHS Dental Services](#)

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
Local Health Board (Wales)	e.g. 7A1
NHS Trust	e.g. RH8
Primary Care Trust	e.g. 5CT
Special Health Authority	e.g. T2A
Welsh Local Health Board	e.g. 6C4
Welsh Local Health Board (All closed 30 September 2009)	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
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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 [Organisation Data Service](#), [NHS Prescription Services](#), [NHS Dental Services](#) and other agencies are detailed in the tables below.

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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				ODS	e.g. YGM01
Booking Management System (BMS) Call Centre Establishment	H	Y	F	A-9						ODS	e.g. YF1
Cancer Network	H	N	0-9	A-9						ODS	e.g. N01
Cancer Registry	A	Y	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9				ODS	e.g. Y0401
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						ODS	<u>DHSCs in England all closed in June 2003</u> e.g. Y21
Education (Deanery)	B	Y	D	F	A-9	A-9				ODS	e.g. YDF01
Executive Agency	N/A See Note 1	X	0-9	0-9						ODS	e.g. X09

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 Dental Services	e.g. V20052
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 Prescription Services	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						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				ODS - England Health Solution 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						ODS	e.g. NT1
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					ODS	e.g. V001
Local Health Board (Wales)	B	7	A-9	A-9						ODS	e.g. 7A1
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						ODS	e.g. YEA
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						ODS	e.g. RH8
Other Statutory Authority (OSA)	H	X	0-9	0-9						ODS	e.g. X16
Pan SHA	H	Y	5	0-9						ODS	e.g. Y51
		See Note 2									
Pharmacy HQ	F	P	A-9	A-9	A-9					ODS	e.g. P001
Primary Care Group/ Local Health	A	4	A-Y	A-Y	0-9	0-9				ODS	Primary Care Groups in England

Group												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							ODS	e.g. 5CT
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)	I	T	0-9	1-9	0-9	0					ODS	e.g. T1150
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					ODS	<u>English Transplant Consortia are all Closed.</u> England = Y, Scotland = S, Wales = W and N.Ireland = Z e.g. Y01T1
Welsh Local Health Board (WLHB)	D	6	A-Y	0-9							ODS	e.g. 6C4
Welsh Local Health Board (WLHB)	D	6	A-Y	0-9							ODS	e.g. 6C4 <u>All Welsh Local Health Boards closed on 30 September 2009.</u>

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 Prescription Services	
GP Practice - Guernsey	G	U	E	0-9	0-9	0-9	NHS Prescription Services	
GP Practice - Isle of Man (IOM)	Y	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	NHS Prescription Services	
GP Practice - Jersey	J	E	R	0-9	0-9	0-9	NHS Prescription Services	
Isle of Man (IOM) Government Department	Y	J	A-9				ODS	Eg. YJM
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).

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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 [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 Identifier		Organisation Identifier		Site or 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
Local Health Board Site (Wales)	e.g. 7A101
Welsh Local Health Board Site (all closed 30 September 2009)	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
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E Frame

Example

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

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

Example

Dispensary: e.g. FA002

- F = Organisation Type Identifier
 - A002 = Organisation Identifier
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G Frame

Example

Local Authority Site: e.g. V001AA

- V = Organisation Type Identifier
 - 001 = Organisation Identifier
 - AA = Site or Sub-Division Identifier
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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 [Organisation Data Service](#), [NHS Prescription Services](#) and other agencies are detailed in the tables below.

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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					ODS	First three characters denote owning Care Trust e.g. TAK01
Dispensary	F	F	A-Y	A-9	0-9	0-9					NHS Prescription Services	e.g. FA002
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	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	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	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						ODS	First four characters denote LA e.g. V001AA
Local Health Board Site (Wales)	B	7	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9							ODS	First three characters denote owning NHS Trust e.g. 7A101
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							ODS	First three characters denote owning NHS Trust e.g. RH802
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					ODS	First three characters denote owning Primary Care Trust e.g. 5CT49
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					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					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					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 Solution Wales	First three characters denote owning WLHB e.g. 6C4A1
Welsh Local Health Board Site	B	6	A-Y	0-9	A-9	A-9					Health Solution Wales	First three characters denote owning Local Health Board e.g. 6C4A1 All Welsh Local Health Board Sites closed on 30 September 2009.

		Branch Surgery weekly visits should add up to more than a set hours per week.
CU	CARE TRUST SITE	
DI	DISPENSARY	
AE	EXECUTIVE AGENCY SITE	
GS	GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT SITE	
PP	INDEPENDENT SECTOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER SITE	
IS	ISLE OF MAN SITE	
ES	LOCAL AUTHORITY SITE	
LS	LOCAL HEALTH BOARD SITE (WALES)	
LP	LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDER SITE	
TS	NHS TRUST SITE	
OS	OTHER STATUTORY AUTHORITY SITE	
PU	PRIMARY CARE TRUST SITE	
PN	PRISON HEALTH SERVICE	
RS	REGIONAL OFFICE SITE	
HS	STRATEGIC HEALTH AUTHORITY SITE	
SH	SPECIAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SITE	
TC	TREATMENT CENTRE	
LU	WELSH LOCAL HEALTH BOARD SITE	
LU	WELSH LOCAL HEALTH BOARD SITE	All Welsh Local Health Board Sites closed on 30 September 2009. Local Health Board Sites introduced from 1 October 2009.

ORGANISATION TYPE

Change to Attribute: Changed Description

A list of [ORGANISATION TYPES](#) of [ORGANISATIONS](#) according to the nature of the [ORGANISATION](#) (e.g. [NHS Trust](#), [Health Authority](#) etc).

Organisation Type Code	Organisation Type Name	Description
AR	APPLICATION SERVICE PROVIDER	
BM	BMS CALL CENTRE ESTABLISHMENT	Booking Management System (BMS) Call Centre Establishment
CN	CANCER NETWORK	
CR	CANCER REGISTRY	
CT	CARE TRUST	
DD	DENTAL PRACTICE	
ED	EDUCATION - DEANERY	
UN	EDUCATION -	A University involved in Medical Training

	UNIVERSITY	
EA	EXECUTIVE AGENCY	
AP	EXECUTIVE AGENCY PROGRAMME	
GD	GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	
GO	GOVERNMENT OFFICE REGION	
PR	GP PRACTICE	A single GENERAL PRACTITIONER practising otherwise than in a partnership or two or more GENERAL PRACTITIONERS practising in partnership. Includes all Practices in England and Wales.
HA	HEALTH AUTHORITY (HA)	A Corporate Body with succession and common seal established by the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill 2002
IP	INDEPENDENT PROVIDER	
PH	INDEPENDENT SECTOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER	
IM	ISLE OF MAN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT	
ID	ISLE OF MAN GOVERNMENT DIRECTORATE	
EL	LOCAL AUTHORITY	
LB	LOCAL HEALTH BOARD (WALES)	
LO	LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDER (LSP)	
NP	NATIONAL APPLICATION SERVICE PROVIDER (NPFIT PROJECTS)	
NS	NHS SUPPORT AGENCY	
TR	NHS TRUST	A legal entity set up by order of the Secretary of State under Section 5 of 'The National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990'. NHS Trusts may act as Health Care Providers and provide hospital services, community services and/or other aspects of PATIENT care, such as PATIENT care and PATIENT transport facilities. They may also act as commissioner when sub contracting PATIENT care to other providers of health care.
NN	NON-NHS ORGANISATION	
OA	OTHER STATUTORY AUTHORITY (OSA)	An Authority set up within the NHS to provide specific health care related services and support to the NHS
OU	OTHER UNIT (IN SUPPORT OF NHS BUSINESSES)	
RO	PAN SHA (REPLACEMENT FOR IT CLUSTER)	The regional outposts of the Department of Health tasked with performance managing Strategic Health Authorities All IT Clusters in England closed on 31 March 2007. Pan SHAs introduced from 1 April 2007.
PX	PHARMACY HEADQUARTER	
PT	PRIMARY CARE TRUST	
SA	SPECIAL HEALTH AUTHORITY (SHA)	
TC	TRANSPLANT CONSORTIUM (TC)	
WA	WELSH ASSEMBLY	

WH	WELSH HEALTH COMMISSION	
HH	WELSH LOCAL HEALTH BOARD	
LH	WELSH LOCAL HEALTH BOARD	All Welsh Local Health Boards closed on 30 September 2009. Local Health Boards introduced from 1 October 2009.
WR	WELSH REGIONAL OFFICE	
WC	WORKFORCE CONFEDERATION	

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