

Information Standards Notice – Retirement

Details are given below of the retirement of an information standard formerly approved by the Information Standards Board for Health and Social Care (ISB).

The retirement has been accepted by the Standardisation Committee for Care Information (SCCI), the successor to ISB.

Enquiries about this retirement should be directed to the contact specified below.

Standard	
Standard number	ISB 0158
Standard title	KA34: Ambulance Services Central Return
Details	
Date of retirement:	09 September 2015
Description	<p>Up until 2012-13 the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) collected data on ambulance services via the KA34 form, submitted on an annual basis. As NHS England began collecting and publishing the majority of this data on a monthly basis via their Unify2 system and following consultation on changing the source data, it was decided to cease the HSCIC data collection, thereby leaving just the one NHS England data collection (Ambulance Quality Indicators).</p> <p>It is the intention of NHS England to submit Ambulance Quality Indicators through the SCCI assurance process.</p> <p>Data submitted through the KA34 return was used to produce the statistical series <i>Ambulance Services – England</i>. The final submission of KA34 data took place in 2013 covering the 2012-13 financial year.</p> <p>This ISN confirms the withdrawal of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISB 0158: KA 34: Ambulance Services Central Return • DSCN 19/2010: Central Returns: KA34 Ambulance Services: Merging of Emergency and Urgent Calls • DSCN 03/2005: Data Standards: Changes to KA34 Ambulance Services: RESPONSE CATEGORY
Link to further information	A copy of this ISN and the related NHS Data Model and Dictionary Change Request are available on the HSCIC website:

	www.hscic.gov.uk/isce/publication/isn
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