

Information Standards Notice – IS (Information Standard)

Following recommendation by the Standardisation Committee for Care Information (SCCI), the Department of Health has approved a change to an existing information standard formerly approved by the Information Standards Board for Health and Social Care (ISB).

You must comply with this change by the full conformance date specified below.

Further information about SCCI is available on www.hscic.gov.uk/isce or by emailing scci@hscic.gov.uk

Standard details	
SCCI unique identifier	SCCI1580 Amd 11/2015
Name	Palliative Care Co-ordination: Core Content (formerly known as End of Life Care Co-ordination: Core Content)
Acceptance date	17 August 2015
Approval date	14 September 2015
Publication date	18 September 2015
Standard definition	
Description	<p>Improving the co-ordination and quality of care provided for people at the end of life is the major aim of the Department of Health's End of Life Care Strategy and remains a priority for NHS England. This information standard specifies the core content to be held in electronic palliative care co-ordination systems (EPaCCS) and supports NHS England's objective to increase the use of technology to help people manage their health and care.</p> <p>This information standard must be complied with where EPaCCS exist.</p> <p>Palliative and end of life care is often delivered by a range of professional groups across care settings and sectors including out-of-hours doctors and ambulance services. Approaches to communication between providers of such care vary and typically depend on local service and system configuration. EPaCCS offer an approach to manage the sharing of palliative care information (with the person's consent) with professionals caring for the individual and so help providers better manage communication and co-ordination of patient care.</p> <p>The core content includes care decisions and preferences and the standard supports accurate and consistent recording of this information. It is the aim that timely access to reliable and up-to-date information through EPaCCS will</p>

	support people to die in the place of their choosing and with their preferred care package.
About this Change	
Description	<p>This amendment comprises:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <p>1. Change of title of the information standard</p> <p>The name has been changed to improve clarity that EPaCCS records are to be used for people who receive palliative care and not just for those in the last weeks/days of life. The name change also aligns with EPaCCS and the proposed Palliative Care Clinical Data Set.</p> <p>2. Coding updates</p> <p>Updating the Requirements Specification with the new codes which were not available at the time of publication of the previous release (Amd 16/2013):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disability • functional status • is main carer aware of person's prognosis? <p>3. New data items to record:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS number status indicator code • the likely prognosis • awareness of cardiopulmonary resuscitation decision. <p>4. Amendment to current data items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • change of terminology for MAIN INFORMAL and FORMAL CARERS to MAIN CARER and CARE WORKER • the term DNACPR DECISION has been replaced with CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION DECISION. This applies to the data items: DNACPR DECISION MADE, DATE OF DNACPR DECISION, DATE FOR REVIEW OF DNACPR DECISION and LOCATION OF DNACPR DOCUMENTATION • the term NOT AWARE OF DO NOT ATTEMPT CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION CLINICAL DECISION has been moved from DNACPR DECISION MADE to the new data item AWARENESS OF CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION DECISION together with a new note to improve clarity of the term • amended categories for PREFERRED PLACE OF DEATH and ACTUAL PLACE OF DEATH • the summary table of data items has been aligned with the headings recommended in the <i>Standards for the clinical structure and content of patient records</i>

	<p>published by Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AoMRC), July 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • data entry status for data item: NHS NUMBER has been changed from required to mandatory • removal of the value, ON INTEGRATED CARE PATHWAY, from the data item: EOLC TOOL IN USE • NHS Data Model and Dictionary terminology has been updated for gender. PERSON GENDER CODE CURRENT has been replaced with PERSON STATED GENDER • a note has been added to inform of the timescales for withdrawal of maintenance for Read terminology • the definitions for KEY WORKER and CARER have been changed to align with new NHS Data Model and Dictionary definitions. <p>5. Correction Correction of minor printing error for data item recording functional status.</p> <p>6. Updating of guidance documents and other changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • minor changes have been made to the guidance on consent that is provided in the <i>Palliative care co-ordination Implementation and Record keeping guidance</i> • a new recommendation has been made that EPaCCS systems should include reporting functionality • risks and issues have been added to the <i>Palliative care co-ordination Implementation guidance</i> • the ordering and numbering of the data items has been changed • the glossary has been updated.
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	Health Services, NHS Services, Adult Social Care
Applies to	<p>This standard applies to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clinical Commissioning Groups or others who wish to consider the development of EPaCCS as a means of improving end of life care provision and supporting choice. 2. Service providers providing care for adults (those aged 18 years and older) at the end of their life: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • service providers include: primary, secondary and community care teams, social care providers, ambulance services and out of hours services • they may also include pharmacies, voluntary sector and private sector.

	3. Suppliers of systems to those providers and commissioners (including any systems that contribute to, or hold information that relates to, care co-ordination for adults at the end of their life).
Legal authority	This information standard is published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
Link to further documentation	<p>The Requirements Specification, Implementation Guidance and the Clinical Safety Case are available on the HSCIC website: www.hscic.gov.uk/isce/publication/scci1580</p> <p>Supporting documentation including the Record Keeping Guidance is available on the National End of Life Care Intelligence Network website: http://www.endoflifecare-intelligence.org.uk/national_information_standard/</p> <p>Additional supporting resources for EPaCCS are available on: the NHS Improving Quality website: http://www.nhs.uk/qualityimprovement/long-term-conditions-and-integrated-care/end-of-life-care/coordination-of-care/epaccs-resource-library.aspx</p>
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Dates	
Implementation date	Organisations MAY begin to implement the standard with immediate effect
Full conformance date	Full implementation of the standard is required by 1 March 2016
Post Implementation Review date	22 February 2017

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