Maternity Services Data Set Information Update

Recent News

- NHS Digital is the new trading name for the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC). We provide ‘Information and Technology for better health and care’. Find out more about our role and remit at www.digital.nhs.uk.

- On Wednesday 3rd August the latest Maternity Services Monthly Statistics Report using data submitted to the MSDS was published by NHS Digital. In addition to the standard products that are made available as part of this publication we have published a special analytical feature. This feature shows the results of analysis that has been performed comparing information reported in the birth episode within the MSDS against similar information that has been reported within HES for the same reporting period. An interactive spreadsheet is included; single or multiple providers can be selected within this to enable comparison of the data submitted to both of data sources, and quantify the scale of the similarities and differences. The publication can be found at digital.nhs.uk/catalogue/PUB21280.

- iViewPlus Maternity Booking Appointment Data Cube

In addition to the statistics outputted within the Maternity Services Monthly Statistics Report, NHS Digital are making additional information reported within the MSDS available covering the mother’s details at the booking appointment. This information can be access through the Maternity Booking Appointment Data Cube on iViewPlus. This is a newly developed system that is still being enhanced with further functionality and data. It enables free to use interactive data visualisations that allows users quick and easy access to health and social care data. Statistics from this source are classified as experimental. Promotional information relating to iViewPlus may be found along with this newsletter.

To use iViewPlus, please register for a NHS Digital account which can be done through the following link: https://iviewplus.hscic.gov.uk/

You can then request access to the Maternity Booking Appointment Data Cube by emailing enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk; please quote ‘Maternity iViewPlus Data Access’ in the subject line.

Contacting the Maternity Services Data Set Team:

General MSDS enquiries can be raised via telephone through the NHS Digital Contact Centre on 0300 303 5678 or via enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk.

You can also contact us at the following address:
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Data Quality

Many thanks to those organisations who have volunteered to pilot our new Provider Data Quality Report during August. This will help inform the structure and content of our newly released data quality report product later in the year.

Starting within this newsletter we are beginning a new feature in which we focus on a particular data quality issue each month in the aim to encourage data quality improvements against key reporting fields.

Body Mass Index
Healthy eating and physical activity are considered particularly important during pregnancy. Therefore, pregnant women with a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more at the booking appointment should be offered personalised advice from an appropriately trained person on healthy eating and physical activity. Height and weight are required data items, which must be submitted to the MSDS if they are locally recorded. Regionally, there is a large difference in the percentage of records that contain a valid height and weight.

Data Quality: Percentage of women attending booking appointments with a missing or invalid height and/or weight value by commissioning region, February 2016

The South of England Commissioning Region did not contain data on height and/or weight for 9 per cent of women, however this figure increases to 24 per cent in the Midlands and East of England Commissioning Region. Improved reporting in this field is beneficial at both the provider and national reporting levels. Data on BMI from the data set will be used to inform future indicators and will also be used to determine an organisation’s pathway payments in the future.

Maternity Submission Dates
Providers are reminded that data submissions for the Maternity Services Data Set are based upon fixed period reporting. Currently a period of approximately two months will exist for each submission to be undertaken. This is different to what providers may be used to with SUS, where data can be retrospectively submitted for earlier reporting periods later in the year. Please note that this is not the case.
for the MSDS. Providers are therefore asked to maintain a level of continuity in the timeliness of their submissions through periods of holiday leave and wider IT system changes etc. Failure to do so will not only have an impact in regards to data quality but in the future will also have a financial impact, as the MSDS will be used for payment purposes. Non-reporting of activity will therefore have an impact upon receipt of payment for that activity.

Further details of the submission windows for your MSDS data can be found on the NHS Digital website here.

Maternity Services Data Set Reports

Reports from the monthly Maternity Services Data Set can be found here. The next publication is due on 7th September 2016.

Other News:

We are hosting 2 separate workshops in September for the benefit of providers and users of MSDS data. These events are on the following dates.

London: Thursday 1st September 2016
Leeds: Friday 9th September 2016

As part of these events there is a special morning session that is specifically aimed at helping the small number of organisations who have not yet been successful in submitting data to the MSDS. If you have not yet received an invitation to this event from either the Community Mental Health Team at NHS Digital or via NHS England or Public Health England Regional networks who are actively assisting us with this event then please contact us at cmhteam.support@nhs.net and we will forward details on to you.

Contact Us:

These information updates are sent out on a monthly basis. If you or others you know wish to receive these, please register for our distribution list via an email to our Contact Centre team.

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