

Transition to the Community Services Data Set (CSDS)

NHS Digital recently circulated links to a state of readiness questionnaire to all care providers and system suppliers who we believe to be within scope of the Community Services Data Set (CSDS). The questionnaire is designed to assess progress in conforming to the CSDS standard specification, and to help us assess expected data quality and coverage. Your responses will also allow NHS Digital to provide targeted guidance and assistance to providers and suppliers who indicate any issues in submitting the CSDS.

Completion of this survey is one of the key conformance criteria for the adoption of the CSDS Information Standard, and it should therefore be completed by all relevant providers and suppliers. The deadline for completing the questionnaire is 29th September 2017. Only one response per organisation is required.

There are two separate questionnaires:

Questionnaire for care providers: <https://nhs-digital.citizenspace.com/comms-iau/481dfb5a>

Questionnaire for system suppliers: <https://nhs-digital.citizenspace.com/comms-iau/cfa7c350>

If you have any questions regarding the survey, or believe that you are not in scope of the CSDS and therefore do not have to complete it, please contact enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk.

CSDS XML Conversion Tool

NHS Digital has developed a CSDS XML Conversion Tool. The conversion tool is an Access database that can optionally be used to compile CSDS data and output it in the XML format required for submission. The CSDS tool is a slightly modified version of the CYPHS version, and the background code in the tool has been updated with the intention of improving processing speed.

If you would like to request a copy of the CSDS XML Conversion Tool, please email enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk. The tool is currently in draft form, and we will notify stakeholders if any changes are made prior to CSDS go-live. Please note that the tool cannot be used to make CYPHS data set submissions (the CYPHS tool should continue to be used if required).

The tool is a worked example and is not currently centrally supported, but we would

still appreciate any feedback or comments via enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk.

Children and Young Peoples Health Services Monthly Statistics – May 2017

The latest published data from the CYPHS data set relating to the May 2017 is now available and can be found [here](#).

During this period:

- 92 providers submitted data.
- A total of 174,158 referrals received for 149,264 children and young people
- A total of 935,873 contacts took place for 545,081 children and young people.
- There were 102,013 health visitor appointments across all submitters. This accounts for 12 per cent of all care activities where an activity code was recorded.

The number of providers submitting data and the volume of data recorded for each activity has gone up in comparison to the previous months. The next publication from the CYPHS data set is due on 11 October 2017. In 2018, we will be able to additionally report on data on community services for adults.

Additional Analysis for CYPHS

This month we also published a separate collaborative report produced between NHS Digital and Ofsted investigating how sources of early years data including that from the CYPHS data set can be used together to enrich analysis and insight in child health and development. This report is published along with the latest monthly statistics for CYPHS and can be found [here](#).

Data on health visiting

PHE is continuing its interim health visiting [reporting arrangements](#) in 2017/18 and 2018/19. The data collection from local authorities will remain voluntary, and the ongoing support from local areas is appreciated. PHE is also proposing to use this opportunity to extend reporting to cover child development outcomes at age 2, from the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ-3™). Detailed information and guidance has been issued, but if you have any questions, please contact interimreporting@phe.gov.uk.

PHE will continue to support NHS Digital in its work to improve the coverage and quality of CYPHS submission. It remains mandatory for providers to submit health visitor information to CYPHS and its successor the CSDS. Increased reporting coverage will enable the future cessation of the interim PHE collection.

Submission dates

The CYPHS data set [submission dates](#) are available on our website. It explains that due to the transition to the Community Services Data Set (CSDS), there will be no CYPHS Refresh Submission window for September 2017 data. Providers will therefore have a shorter window to submit September 2017 data, as only the Primary submission window will take place. It is important that providers ensure a September 2017 Primary submission is made, as there will be no further opportunity to submit that data to NHS Digital.

This change will allow a primary and refresh submission window for the first CSDS submission (of October 2017 data) and maximises the time available to collate and test submissions of the expanded data set. The CSDS submission dates are also available towards the end of the CSDS [webpage](#).

Community Services Data Set (CSDS) Direction

A Direction has recently been published covering the CSDS. The Direction provides the legal basis for NHS Digital to receive the Community data specified in the CSDS Information Standard Notice. Section 254 of the Health and Social Care Act empowers the Secretary of State for Health to direct NHS Digital to establish and operate a system for the collection or analysis of information - the information to be collected is described in the form of a [Direction](#). [The CSDS Direction](#), along with details of all directions and mandatory requests received by NHS Digital, can be found on [the gov.uk website](#).

CSDS Data Provision Notice

In addition to the CSDS direction, a [Data Provision Notice \(DPN\)](#) for the CSDS is currently being finalised. A DPN is issued by NHS Digital every time the organisation uses its statutory power under Section 259(1) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The DPN provides information on the data collection, including the purpose, benefits, how we intend to collect the information and the organisations covered. Organisations in scope of the notice are legally required under Section 259 (5) of the Act to provide data, as specified by NHS Digital in the published DPN. Once the CSDS DPN is issued the above link will be updated, and providers and suppliers will be informed accordingly.

CSDS Test Phase

NHS Digital recently conducted some CSDS testing in conjunction with a small group of volunteer sites. The aim of the testing was to assess the readiness of the CSDS landing platform to accept adult data, and determine the potential data volumes of submissions made up of data covering patients of all ages. The testing was completed successfully, and the outcomes have been taken into consideration when building the definitive CSDS landing platform. NHS Digital would like to thank

the sites that volunteered to participate and submitted test files.

Future publications of this newsletter

This newsletter will continue to be produced and circulated once the CSDS goes live in November. However, to reflect the change in the data set scope (from the CYPHS data set to CSDS), it will be renamed the CSDS newsletter from that point.

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