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## DIRECTIONS

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# NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

## The Health and Social Care Information Centre (Establishment of Information Systems for NHS Services: Maternity Services) Directions 2015

The National Health Service Commissioning Board gives the following Directions to the Health and Social Care Information Centre in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 254(1), (3) and (6) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

In accordance with section 254(5) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the National Health Service Commissioning Board has consulted the Health and Social Care Information Centre before giving these Directions.

### Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. These Directions may be cited as The Health and Social Care Information Centre (Establishment of Information Systems for NHS Services: Maternity Services) Directions 2015 and shall come into force on 1 June 2015.

2. In these Directions—

“The 2012 Act”	means the Health and Social Care Act 2012 <sup>1</sup> ;
“The Board”	means the National Health Service Commissioning Board <sup>2</sup> ;
"Information Standards Notice ISB 1513 "	The notice of Information Standard ISB 1513 issued by SCCI;
“HSCIC”	means the Health and Social Care Information Centre <sup>3</sup> ;

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<sup>1</sup> 2012 c7

<sup>2</sup> The National Health Service Commissioning Board was established by section 1H of the National Health Service Act 2006 (2006 c 41.), and operates as NHS England.

<sup>3</sup> The Health and Social Care Information Centre is a body corporate established under section 252(1) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012

“Information Standard ISB 1513”	is the formal document with unique reference number ISB 1513 which defines the technical criteria, content, methods, processes and practices for collection of the Maternity Services Dataset and which was approved by SCCI under the non-statutory process for development of information standards by the Information Standards Board for health and social care appointed by the Department of Health Director General for Informatics which operated until 31 March 2014;
“Relevant Organisation”	means an organisation type that is listed under “applies to” in the Specification;
“SCCI”	means the Standardisation Committee for Care Information;
“Specification”	means the Maternity Services Data Set V1.5 - Specification 2.0 version 1.2 dated 28/03/2014 (Document ID: ISB 1513 Amd 45/2012) which is within Information Standard ISB 1513 and annexed to these Directions at Annex A;
“Technical Output Specification”	means the Maternity Services Secondary Uses Dataset (MSDS) Data Set Output Specification version 1.8.9 dated 15/01/2014 which is within Information Standard ISB 1513 and annexed to these Directions at Annex B.

### **Establishing and Operating the maternity Services Information System**

3. – (1) Pursuant to its powers under sections 254(1) and 254(6) of the 2012 Act, the Board directs the HSCIC to establish and operate a system for the collection of the information described in sub-paragraph (2) from the Relevant Organisations, such system to be known as “the Maternity Services Information System”.
  
- (2) The information referred to in sub-paragraph (1) is the information described in the Technical Output Specification.
  
- (3) The Board directs HSCIC to carry out the activities described in sub-paragraph (1) in accordance with the criteria in part 1 of the Specification and generally in such a way as to enable and facilitate compliance with Information Standards Notice ISB 1513.

### **S254(3) - Requirement for these Directions**

4. In accordance with section 254(3) of the 2012 Act, the Board confirms that it is necessary or expedient for it to have the information which will be obtained through

the HSCIC complying with these Directions in relation to the Board's functions in connection with the provision of NHS Services. In particular the information obtained through compliance with these Directions will facilitate or enable the achievement of the purposes of Information Standard ISB 1513 that are described in the Specification.

### **Fees and Accounts**

5. Pursuant to sub-section 254(7) of the 2012 Act, HSCIC is entitled to charge the Board a reasonable fee in respect of the cost of HSCIC complying with these Directions and the Board acknowledges such right and agrees to meet such reasonable fee charged by HSCIC.
6. The HSCIC must keep proper accounts, and proper records in relation to the accounts, in connection with the Maternity Services Information System.

### **Review of these Directions**

7. These Directions will be reviewed when Information Standard ISB 1513 is replaced by an information standard published by the Board under section 250 of the 2012 Act. This review will include consultation with the HSCIC as required by sub-section 254(5) of the 2012 Act.

**Signed by authority of the NHS Commissioning Board**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Keogh." The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

**Sir Bruce Keogh  
Caldicott Guardian**

**21/05/2015**

## **Annex A – Maternity Services Data Set Standard Specification**



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## **Annex B – Maternity Services Data Set Technical Output Specification**



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