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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: Mental Health 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: Mental Health Services) Directions 2015 and shall come into force on 10 August 2015.

2. In these Directions—

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| “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 Standard” | means a document containing standards in relation to the processing of information as provided for in section 250(2) of the 2012 Act. References to the number and title of an Information Standard are to the number and title given to a particular Information Standard within the Information Standards Notice; |
| “Information           | means the document published by or on behalf of the Board   |

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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.

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| <b>Standards Notice"</b>                | or the Secretary of State to confirm the making or amendment of an Information Standard, summarise its purpose and scope, reference the documentation in which the details of the Standard are set out and mandate compliance with it;  |
| <b>"HSCIC"</b>                          | means the Health and Social Care Information Centre <sup>3</sup> ;  |
| <b>"Relevant Organisation"</b>          | means an organisation type that is listed under "Applies to", "Organisation and Service Types" in the Specification;  |
| <b>"SCCI0011"</b>                       | is the unique reference number for the Mental Health Services Data Set Information Standard;  |
| <b>"Specification"</b>                  | means the Mental Health Services Data Set Requirements Specification that has been published by the Board version 1.2 dated 10/07/2015 (Document ID: SCCI 0011 Amd 12/2015) and annexed to these Directions at Annex A or any subsequent amended version of the same document that is published by the Board; |
| <b>"Technical Output Specification"</b> | means the Mental Health Services Data Set Technical Output Specification version 1.0.12 dated 21/07/2015 and annexed to these Directions at Annex B or any subsequent amended version of the same document that is published by the Board.  |

### **Establishing and Operating the Mental Health 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 Mental Health 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 in the Technical Output Specification and generally in such a way as to enable and facilitate compliance with Information Standards Notice SCCI0011.

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<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

### **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 SCCI0011 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 Mental Health Services Information System.

### **Review of these Directions**

7. These Directions will be reviewed when the Board approves any amendment to the Information Standard SCCI0011. 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**

**[INSERT DATE]**

31/7/15



**Sir Bruce Keogh  
Caldicott Guardian**

## **Annex A – Mental Health Services Data Set Standard Specification**



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## **Annex B – Mental Health Services Data Set Technical Output Specification**



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