



Department of Health

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Dear Sarah

The migration and continued operation of the Unify2 collections through the Strategic Data Collections Service Direction 2017

I am writing to direct the Health and Social Care Information Centre, now known as NHS Digital, to establish the migration of the Unify2 collections included at Annex A onto NHS Digital's Strategic Data Collections Service (SDCS) and continue the operation of these collections through this service.

The Direction is given in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 254(1), (2)(a) and (6) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (the Act)¹ and Regulation 32 of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Constitution and Functions) and the Health and Social Care Information Centre (Functions) Regulations 2013².

Pursuant to its powers under sections 254(1) and 254(6) of the Act, the Department of Health directs NHS Digital to establish and operate a system for the migration and continued operation of the specified Unify2 collections through the SDCS.

This Direction is to be known as **The migration and continued operation of the Unify2 collections through the Strategic Data Collections Service Direction 2017** and comes into force on 1 December 2017.

In accordance with section 254(2)(a) of the Act, the Secretary of State considers that the information which could be obtained by complying with the Direction is information which it is necessary or expedient for the Secretary of State to have in relation to the exercise by the Secretary of State of the Secretary of State's functions in connection with the provision of health services or of adult social care in England.

Annex A confirms the list of existing Unify2 collections to be migrated and the lead organisation. Updated technical output specifications will set out the data to be collected for each collection when ready. In the interim, reference will be made to the existing technical output specifications for each of these Unify2 collections to enable the migration over to the SDCS and continued operation. Once updated, the technical output specifications may be

¹ 2012 c.7

² S.I. 2013/259

reviewed and amended by the lead organisation from time to time for any of the collections included at Annex A. This will include consultation with NHS Digital.

In accordance with section 260(2)(d) of the Act and in order to maintain continuity with existing arrangements, the Department directs that NHS Digital is not to publish any data it collects as a result of the migration of the Unify2 collections specified at Annex A, unless and until notified to by the lead organisation.

NHS Digital must keep proper accounts, and proper records in relation to the accounts, in connection with the migration of the Unify2 collections onto its SDCS and their continued operation.

In accordance with section 254(5) of the Act, the Department has consulted NHS Digital before giving this Direction.

Please accept this letter as a Direction given under section 254(1) and 254(6) of the Act to NHS Digital to exercise the functions in relation to establishing and operating the migration of the Unify2 collections included at Annex A onto NHS Digital's Strategic Data Collections Service and their continued operation through this service.

Yours sincerely

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Unify2 collections to be migrated

Collection	Collection Description	Technical Output Specification File Name	Lead organisation
PREVENT	Prevent strategy	Prevent strategy v1.8.xls	NHS England
SEPSIS	Sepsis Commissioning for Quality and Innovation quarterly collection	Sepsis Unify Template 2017_19 v1.7.xls	NHS England
TIR	Transformation Indicator Reporting	Transformation Indicators Upload v1.31.xls	NHS England
Wheelchairs (QWC1)	Quarterly Wheelchair collection	Wheelchair template 17_18 V1.xls	NHS England
QNC Beds	Quarterly Non-Consultant Led Beds	QNCBeds v1.13.xls	NHS England
KH03	Bed Availability and Occupancy	KH03_v5.1.xls	NHS England
Msitrep	Monthly Trust Situation Reports	MSitReps_2017-18_v11.1.xls	NHS England
QMCO	Quarterly Monitoring - Cancelled Operation	QMCO 2017-18 v4.0.xls	NHS England
VTE	Venous Thromboembolism Risk Assessment	VTE Upload Template 2017-18 v1.1.xls	NHS Improvement
FFT_AE	Friends and Family Test - A&E	FFT_AE V3.4.xls	NHS England
FFT_AMB	Friends and Family Test – Ambulance	FFT_AMB v2.5.xls	NHS England
FFT_CH	Friends and Family Test - Community Health	FFT_Com_V2.22.xls	NHS England
FFT_IP	Friends and Family Test – Inpatient	FFT_IP V3.13.xls	NHS England
FFT_MAT	Friends and Family Test – Maternity	FFT_MAT V3.10.xls	NHS England
FFT_MH	Friends and Family Test - Mental Health	FFT_MH V2.9.xls	NHS England
FFT_OP	Friends and Family Test – Outpatient	FFT_OP V2.11.xls	NHS England
FFTSTFNM	Friends and Family Test - Staff Non Matrix	FFT_STF V3.4.xls	NHS England
PCAR	Primary Care Activity Report	PCAR V3.xls	NHS England
AMBCO	Ambulance Quality and Clinical Outcomes	AmbCO Template 2017-18.xls	NHS England
AMBSYS	Ambulance Quality and Systems Indicators	AmbSYS Template 2017-18 - Post-ARP v0.8.xls	NHS England
HOL111	Bank Holiday Assurance for 111	Hol111.xls	NHS England
IUC MDS	Integrated Urgent Care – Development	IUC MDS - Provider template v1.4.xls	NHS England
N111WSI2	NHS 111 Weekly Situation Report	N111 Weekly Sit Rep v9.2 2017-18.xls	NHS England
NHS111PS	NHS111 Patient Survey	NHS 111 patient survey v1.4.xls	NHS England
CHC	Funded Care report	Funded Care Report (CHC & FNC Activity).xls	NHS England
MSitAE	Emergency Care Monthly Situation Report	Emergency care monthly sitrep MSitAE 2017-18 v7.xls	NHS England
CancerPTL2	TDA Cancer PTL 2nd version	Weekly Cancer 62 day PTL template v2.3.xls	NHS Improvement
NStf_Fil	Nurse Staffing Fill Rate	Nurse staffing return 2017-18 v1.9.xls	NHS Improvement
RTT	18 Weeks referral to Treatment	18wksRTT_v14.31.xls	NHS England
ADWT	Direct Access Audiology Waiting Time	Audiology_WT_upload v1.27.xls	NHS England
DM01	Diagnostics Monthly collection	DM01_2017-18_v8.6.xls	NHS England
MAR	Monthly Activity Return	MAR prov-comm CCGs v3.8.xls	NHS England
MHProvCom	Mental Health Community Teams Activity Return	MHPvCom Upload Template v9.1.xls	NHS England
MSA	Mixed-Sex Accommodation	MSA 2017-18 v7.2.xls	NHS England

QAR	Quarterly Activity Return	QAR prov-comm CCGs 2017-18 v4.1.xls	NHS England
CYP_ED	Children and Young People (CYP) with an Eating Disorder (ED) Care Pathways	CYP ED Care Pathways Template v3.xls	NHS England
EIP (MHEIPPCm)	Early Intervention Psychosis Pathways Monthly	Early Intervention Psychosis Pathways Template v5.2.xls	NHS England
MSitDT	Delayed Transfer of Care Monthly Situation Report	MSitDT_2017-18_v6.1.xls	NHS England
DAR	Dementia Assessment and Referral	Dementia Upload Incls 1,2&3 2017-18 v2.0.xls	NHS England
QPLC1718 (2 products)	Quality premium	QPLA (16-17) Unify upload template (V1).xls	NHS England
QDiagCens	Quarterly Diagnostic Census	QDiagCens_2017-18_v1.1.xls	NHS England
Junior Doctors	Junior Doctors Contracts	Junior Doctors v7.1.xls	NHS Improvement
StaffHWB	Staff Health and Well Being CQUIN	Staff HWB CQUIN Q4.xls	NHS England
Safe Staffing	Safe Staffing	Nurse staffing return 2017-18 v1.9.xls	NHS Improvement
Refcosts	Reference Costs Collection	2016-17 Combined Costs Collection Final Workbook v1.5'	NHS Improvement
WRES	Workforce Race and Equality Standards Team (WRES)	REN_WRES17.xls	NHS England
Planning - PlanAAPC	Planning Round 2016-17 – Annual Activity ProvCom	Planning 17817 ProvCom annual activity and requirements template	NHS England
Planning - PlanAMC	Planning Round 2016-17 - CCG Activity Monthly and Other Requirements	Planning 17817 CCG monthly activity and requirements template	NHS England
Planning - PlanAMP	Planning Round 2016-17 - Provider Monthly Activity and Other Requirements	Planning 17817 Prov monthly activity and requirements template	NHS England
ChildIM2	Child Immunisation	Child Immunisation Upload Template 2016-17 v2.xls	NHS England
DIAB4	Diabetes Transformation Metrics CCG Collection	Diabetes Unify Collection Template Commissioner.xls	NHS England