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Consultation on proposed amendments to the Criminal Justice Intervention Teams (CJIT) data set collected for the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS)

CJIT Core data set P (CDS-P)

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Reader information

Document purpose	Seek stakeholder views on the proposals to amend the data collected through NDTMS for CJIT data set
Title	Consultation on proposed amendments to the Criminal Justice Intervention Teams (CJIT) data set collected for the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) CDS-P
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Target audience	Staff in Criminal Justice Intervention Teams (CJIT) Staff in alcohol and drug adult community treatment providers Staff in alcohol and drug young persons community treatment providers Staff in secure settings providing drug and alcohol treatment Users of statistics relating to alcohol and drug treatment Alcohol and drug treatment commissioners and other relevant local authority / NHS England staff Alcohol and drug treatment service users
Circulation list	This is a public document. All users of NDTMS CJIT data are invited to respond to proposed changes. The following have been proactively contacted by PHE, with an invitation to respond: local NDTMS teams; local authority-based and NHS England Health and Justice commissioners; CJIT, alcohol and drug residential rehab and community treatment providers; treatment providers in secure settings including the children and young people secure estate, Public Health Centre-based Alcohol and Drug teams, regional service user support groups.
Description	This document contains proposed amendments to data to be collected through NDTMS from 1 April 2020.
Action required	None required but responses invited – https://surveys.phe.org.uk/TakeSurvey.aspx?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=88KK4m73H&Preview=true#
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About the document

Background

The National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) collects activity data from alcohol and drug treatment services in England. The data is collated by Public Health England (PHE) on behalf of the Department of Health and used to provide information to support local delivery of the objectives set out in relevant national strategies and local implementation of NICE guidelines. The Criminal Justice Intervention Team (CJIT) dataset is part of NDTMS.

The system collects and reports on activity data within a wide range of settings, including primary and secondary care within the NHS, the criminal justice sector and the third sector (voluntary agencies).

Proposed changes to the data collected from April 2020, are detailed within this document, including additional data items, removal of data items and amendments to reference data of existing data items. These changes are relevant to the Criminal Justice Intervention Team (CJIT) dataset. They are being proposed following feedback and requests from a number of sources.

This is a public consultation, and anyone is welcome to contribute, but we are particularly interested in feedback from CJIT teams, drug and alcohol treatment providers and commissioners.

Comments on the process

If you have concerns or comments that you would like to raise on the process itself, please write to:

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Please do not use this postal address for responses. These should only be sent electronically using the supplied proforma to ndtms.changes@phe.gov.uk or preferably using the select survey:

<https://surveys.phe.org.uk/TakeSurvey.aspx?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=88KK4m73H&Preview=true#>

Additional burden of new data items

PHE is committed to ensuring that data collected through the NDTMS is always of value to commissioners and treatment providers and the impact of collecting it is proportional to the benefits that users of NDTMS receive from the reports, toolkits, commissioning support packs and other outputs that are produced using the data.

It is important that the additional burden of any new data items is considered alongside their utility. Therefore, it is requested that when completing this consultation that consideration is given for each data item regarding the likely time and resource it will take clinical and administrative staff to collect and process them, as well as the benefits of their use.

In an effort to reduce burden on providers we have undertaken a thorough review of the dataset and have proposed to remove any questions that are no longer a priority for national collection.

Proposed changes – Criminal Justice Intervention Team dataset

Introduction of new field - armed forces veteran

PHE has been working with DHSC, the Ministry of Defence and NHS England in relation to the Ministerial Covenant and Veterans Board where it has become apparent that, although there is compelling anecdotal evidence about the high incidence of drug and alcohol problems among the veteran population, there are no NDTMS data about their treatment engagement and outcomes. Therefore, we are proposing to introduce a new data item to capture this information to inform this important piece of work, to be asked at episode start only.

The proposed question is:

Is the client a veteran of the UK armed forces?

Yes / No / Client declined to answer

1. Do you agree with the introduction of a UK armed forces veteran question?	Yes / No
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Introduction of new fields – naloxone questions

The issuing of naloxone is not currently recorded. We are proposing to amend this so that providers are able to record it at episode level.

Following feedback from providers that have found it difficult to report their full activity in relation to naloxone provision, we are proposing to introduce the following new questions:

Has the client been issued with nasal naloxone?

Yes / No / Client offered but declined

Has the client been issued with injectable naloxone (prenoxad)?

Yes / No / Client offered but declined

2. Do you agree with the proposed new naloxone questions?	Yes / No
3. Would it also be useful to collect whether the client has been administered with naloxone to reverse an overdose in the last 6 months?	Yes / No

Removal of field – IOM / MAPPA

The NDTMS dataset currently collects information at an episode level on whether a client is on an Integrated Offender Management (IOM) scheme and/or a Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangement (MAPPA). We do not report on this information. We therefore propose to remove this episode level question:

4. Do you agree with the removal of IOM / MAPPA flag?	Yes / No
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Remove of field – treatment agency referred to

At present, CJIT providers are required to record the agency code of the structured treatment provider that a client is referred to. Stakeholders must liaise with an agency to attain this code, however, the agency code is not needed to match clients in another dataset. Therefore, we propose to remove this question:

5. Do you agree with the removal of treatment agency referred to?	Yes / No
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Removal of field – Onward referral destination

The NDTMS dataset collects information on the DAT, LA or secure setting to which the client has been transferred, if a closure reason of 'Transferred in custody' or 'Transferred to another CJIT area' is selected. Stakeholders must liaise with an agency to attain this code, however, the agency code is not needed to match clients in another dataset. Therefore, we propose to remove this question:

6. Do you agree with the removal of onward referral destination?	Yes / No
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Removal of fields – All Treatment Outcome Record (TOP) fields

NDTMS has historically supported the collection of TOPs for CJIT clients. However, this has not been collected consistently across CJIT providers. TOP is intended as an adjunct to structured treatment which the CJIT function does not include, therefore we propose to remove all TOP fields for CJIT clients.

7. Do you agree with the removal of all Treatment Outcome Record (TOP) fields?	Yes / No
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Changes to parental status questions

There is often confusion among providers regarding the parental status question and the subsequent number of children living with the client question, which is sometimes mistakenly completed to show the number of the client's children living with the client rather than the total number of children living with the client. To try and make this clearer for providers, we are considering expanding the parental status question so there will be 3 questions about children, as follows:

Is the client a parent of a child aged under 18?

Yes / No / client declined to answer (to include biological parents, step-parents, foster parents, adoptive parents and guardians as per current definition)

If yes, how many of their children live with the client?

All of the children / some of the children / none of the children / client declined to answer (with 'not a parent' removed as a reference data item as this is no longer required due to the question above)

How many children aged under 18, in total, live in the same household as the client?

8. Would the proposed amendments to the parent/child questions make these questions more straightforward to complete for providers?	Yes / No
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Amendment to children receiving early help or in contact with children's social care

The NDTMS dataset collects information on whether any of the client's children or any children living with the client are receiving early help or are in contact with children's social care. At present this option only permits the recording of one safeguarding option for one child. We have received feedback from providers that there are often multiple safeguarding mechanisms in place and it is difficult to be able to prioritise just one. PHE would like to be able to report on all safeguarding mechanisms in place. Therefore, we are proposing to amend this question to enable the recording of up to 3 safeguarding options (similar in format to the existing problem substance and disability questions).

The provider will not be required to complete this question 3 times if there are fewer than 3 safeguarding mechanisms in place.

9. Do you agree with providers being able to record up to 3 safeguarding options?	Yes / No
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Appendix A – consultation proforma

Please complete the online questionnaire available here:

<https://surveys.phe.org.uk/TakeSurvey.aspx?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=88KK4m73H&Preview=true#>

Alternatively, please complete responses on this form and email to:

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Please ensure you refer to the consultation document for the full rationale and context of the changes.

There is a free text box at the end of this document if you would like to make any comments.

Proposed change	Response (please circle)	
Criminal Justice Intervention Teams (CJIT) dataset		
Changes applicable to the CJIT datasets		
1. Do you agree with the introduction of a UK armed forces veteran question?	Yes	No
2. Do you agree with the proposed new naloxone questions?	Yes	No
3. Would it also be useful to collect whether the client has been administered with naloxone to reverse an overdose in the last 6 months	Yes	No
4. Do you agree with the removal of the IOM/MAPPA flag?	Yes	No
5. Do you agree with the removal of treatment agency referred to?	Yes	No
6. Do you agree with the removal of onward referral destination?	Yes	No
7. Do you agree with the removal of all Treatment Outcome Record (TOP) fields?	Yes	No
8. Would the proposed amendments to the parent/child questions make these questions more straightforward to complete for providers?	Yes	No
9. Do you agree with providers being able to record up to 3 safeguarding options (in the episode for secure setting and episode and Client Review for community)?	Yes	No
Do you have any further comments you would like to make on any aspect of this consultation? <i>If your comment relates to a specific question please ensure you indicate the question number</i>		

