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To: Primary Care Trusts  
All IAPT service providers

cc: SHA Mental Health Leads

Dear Colleague

**Re: IAPT Data Standard and Reporting**

The way we collect and report data from IAPT services is changing. This will have implications for services in terms of how data is processed. The critical importance of data in IAPT services and the importance of local reporting is unaffected.

**Background**

The IAPT Programme set out its data requirements in the *IAPT Outcomes Toolkit* in September 2008. Since then, local services have routinely collected the IAPT Minimum Data Set (MDS). However, this patient level information is not currently returned centrally, instead commissioners return a small number of high level key performance indicators (KPI's) to measure against IAPT quality standards.

The Information Standards Board for Health and Social Care (ISB) has given approval for the IAPT data set to be adopted as a National Operational Standard.

An Information Standards Notice (ISN) was issued on 1st April 2011. This will require local services to provide an extract of data to the IAPT central reporting system for national reporting purposes from April 2012.

This will allow the IAPT data set to be reported centrally and used for secondary purposes making IAPT data more transparent and accessible to patients and the general public. Reports from the data extract will be published on the NHS Information Centre web site.

The newly approved IAPT data set can also be found in Appendix A of the IAPT Data Handbook.

Further details including the ISN, the approved data set and further technical information can be downloaded from [http://www.isb.nhs.uk/documents/isb-1520/amd-51-2010/index\\_html](http://www.isb.nhs.uk/documents/isb-1520/amd-51-2010/index_html)

## Timeline

2011/12 will be a transition year when services can make arrangements to change existing local IT systems and put in place procedures to successfully implement the new data standard.

Development of the IAPT central data collection system is underway and is expected to go-live in September 2011. From this time services will be encouraged to submit data extracts on a monthly basis. This will help to test processes and embed new practices in readiness for mandation in April 2012. During this transition period we will continue to return KPI's via the existing Omnibus system.

Every IAPT service will be expected to submit full data to the central data collection system on a monthly basis from April 2012.

Yours sincerely

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