



Department of Health

Andy Williams
Chief Executive,
NHS Digital
1 Trevelyan Square, Boar Lane
Leeds
LS1 6AE

30th November 2016

Dear Andy

I am writing to provide a Direction to NHS Digital, formerly known as the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) and hereafter referred to as NHS Digital, to establish and operate an informatics system for the collection of emergency care data.

This Direction is given in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 254(1) and (6), 260(2)(d), 261(3), 274(2) and 304(9), (10) and (12) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (the Act)¹ and Regulation 32 of the National Institute for Health and Social Care Excellence (Constitution and Functions) and the Health and Social Care Information Centre (Functions) Regulations 2013².

In accordance with section 254(2)(b) of the Act, the Secretary of State considers that it is in the interests of the health service in England for this Direction to be given.

This Direction is to be known as the Emergency Care Dataset (Pilot) Direction, and comes into force on 1st December 2016. The Direction will cover two collections of data from the type 1 Emergency Departments at The Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust to support the pilot delivery phase of a proposed new data set for emergency care.

A type 1 Emergency Department is defined in the NHS Data Dictionary as being a consultant led 24 hour service with full resuscitation facilities and designated accommodation for the reception of accident and emergency patients.

Under section 254 of the 2012 Act, NHS Digital is required to:

- Collect data relating to Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust emergency department attendances during the pilot period. The collection includes demographic information, episode demographic information, clinical information such as diagnosis, information relating to attendances which are a direct result of injury and also discharge information. (See Annex 1 for full list of data items to be collected.)

There will be two data collections for the pilot:

- A first data collection for the pilot, which will relate to all emergency department attendances between 26th July and 31st October 2016.

¹ 2012 c.7

² S.I. 2013/259

- A second data collection for the pilot, which will relate to all emergency department attendances between 1st November 2016 and 31st January 2017. This collection is required for the purposes of further pilot analysis for the winter 2016/17 period.

Please accept this letter as a direction given under subsection (1) of section 254 of the 2012 Act to the NHS Digital to exercise the functions in relation to the informatics system for the collection of data from the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust type 1 Emergency Departments to support the delivery of a pilot of a proposed new data set for emergency care. The purpose of the data collection is to demonstrate that new proposed dataset will not negatively impact on the purposes reliant on the current Commissioning Dataset for emergency care and to produce aggregate statistics to demonstrate the benefits of the new data items. These aggregate statistics may be shared outside of the NHS Digital, as part of project documentation including reports and briefings and to support the development of a new information standard.

NHS Digital will have regard to and comply with the Directions to NHS Digital to process Type 2 objections.

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

Yours sincerely

Director name

Director title

..Ends

ECDS Pilot - Data Items to be Collected

ECDS Field Name

Person_Stated_Gender
Person_Age_At_Attendance
Person_NHS_Number_Status_Indicator
Person_Usual_Address_Postcode
Person_Residence_Org_Code
Person_Usual_Residence_Type
Person_GP_Practice_Code
Person_Comm_Lang
Person_Interpreter_Rqd
Person_Interpreter_Lang
Person_Ethnic_Category
Person_Visitor_Status
Commissioner_Unique_ID
Commissioner_Service_Line_ID
Commissioner_Provider_Ref_Number
Commissioner_Ref_Number
Commissioner_Org_Code
Provider_Org_Code
Provider_Org_Code_LocPatID
Provider_Site_Code
Provider_Site_Type
EmCare_Arrive_Transport_Mode
EmCare_Ambulance_Org_Code
EmCare_Ambulance_Incident_Number
EmCare_Arrive_DateTime
EmCare_Attendance_Type
EmCare_Referral_Source
EmCare_Arrive_Transfer_Source
EmCare_Assess_DateTime

EmCare_Clinicians_Type
EmCare_Clinicians_Tier
EmCare_Clinicians_Date/TimeStamp
EmCare_Clinicians_Discharge
EmCare_Referred_Service
EmCare_Referred_Service_DateTime
EmCare_DTA_DateTime
EmCare_Complete_DateTime
EmCare_Depart_DateTime
EmCare_Admit_Specialty
EmCare_Assessment_Type
EmCare_Assessment_Score
EmCare_ChiefComplaint
EmCare_Clinical_Narrative
EmCare_Diagnosis_Number
EmCare_Diagnosis
EmCare_Diagnosis_Moderator
EmCare_Investigations
EmCare_Investigations_Time/Date
EmCare_Treatments
EmCare_Treatments_Time/Date
EmCare_Inj_DateTime
EmCare_Inj_Intent
EmCare_Inj_Place_Type
EmCare_Inj_Activity_Status
EmCare_Inj_Activity_Type
EmCare_Inj_Mechanism
EmCare_Inj_Drug_Alcohol
EmCare_Discharge_Status
EmCare_Discharge_FollowUp
EmCare_Discharge_Information_Given
EmCare_Discharge_Safeguarding
EmCare_Transfer_Destination