

Change Request

NHS Connecting for Health

NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service

Reference:	Change Request 1252
Version No:	1.0
Subject:	Geographic Area Changes
Effective Date:	Immediate
Reason for Change:	Change to Geographic Area associated items and new NHS Business Definitions
Publication Date:	7 December 2011

Background:

The Change Request associated with ISB 0090 Amd 94/2010 "Identification Codes for Local Authorities" identified a requirement to review the NHS Data Model relating to the Class "Geographic Area".

Following the review, this Data Dictionary Change Notice (DDCN) updates items relating to the Class "Geographic Area".

The NHS Data Model and Dictionary has been updated as follows:

- Makes changes to associated definitions and relationships
- Updates the Attribute "Geographic Area Type"
- Adds new "Geographic Area" NHS Business Definitions
- Updates Postcode information
- Updates Office for National Statistics (ONS) website links that have recently changed
- Updates KC62 and KC63 Central Return forms.

Note: the new/updated information has been approved by the appropriate organisations.

To view a demonstration on "How to Read an NHS Data Model and Dictionary Change Request", visit the NHS Data Model and Dictionary help pages at: http://www.datadictionary.nhs.uk/Flash_Files/changerequest.htm.

Note: if the web page does not open, please copy the link and paste into the web browser.

Summary of changes:

Diagrams

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Changed attached binary file, Description

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HEALTH AUTHORITY (RETIRED)	renamed from HEALTH AUTHORITY	Changed status to Retired, Name, Description
HEALTH PROTECTION AGENCY		Changed Description
LOCAL AUTHORITY		Changed Description
LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT		New Supporting Information
LONDON BOROUGH		New Supporting Information
LOWER LAYER SUPER OUTPUT AREA		Changed Aliases, Description
METROPOLITAN COUNTY		New Supporting Information
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT		New Supporting Information
MIDDLE LAYER SUPER OUTPUT AREA		Changed Aliases, Description
NHS INFORMATION CENTRE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE		Changed Description
NHS POSTCODE DIRECTORY		Changed Description
NON-METROPOLITAN COUNTY		New Supporting Information
NON-METROPOLITAN DISTRICT		New Supporting Information
OFFICE FOR NATIONAL STATISTICS		Changed Description
PARISH		New Supporting Information
POLLING DISTRICT		New Supporting Information
PRIMARY CARE TRUST		Changed Description
PUBLICATION INFORMATION CONTACT DETAILS		Changed Description
REGION		New Supporting Information
SPECIAL HEALTH AUTHORITY		New Supporting Information
SPECIALIST COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE: SCHOOL NURSE		Changed Description
UNITARY AUTHORITY		New Supporting Information
Class Definitions		
ADDRESS		Changed Description, Relationships
ADDRESS IN GEOGRAPHIC AREA		Changed Description
EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT		Changed Description
GEOGRAPHIC AREA		Changed Attributes, Description, Relationships
LOCATION		Changed Relationships
ORGANISATION		Changed Relationships
ORGANISATION SITE		Changed Relationships
PERSON		Changed Relationships
PERSON OR ORGANISATION ADDRESS (RETIRED)	renamed from PERSON OR ORGANISATION ADDRESS	Changed status to Retired, Name, Description, Relationships
POSTCODE		Changed Description
Attribute Definitions		
ADDRESS FORMAT TYPE		Changed Description
GEOGRAPHIC AREA ORGANISATION RESPONSIBILITY TYPE		New Attribute
GEOGRAPHIC AREA TYPE		Changed Description
OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER END DATE		Changed Description
OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER START DATE		Changed Description
ORGANISATION CODE		Changed Description
ORGANISATION SITE CODE		Changed Description
ORGANISATION SITE TYPE		Changed Description
ORGANISATION TYPE		Changed Description
POSTCODE		Changed Description
Data Elements		
ELECTORAL WARD OF USUAL ADDRESS		Changed Description
LOWER LAYER SUPER OUTPUT AREA (RESIDENCE)		Changed Description
POSTCODE		Changed Description
POSTCODE OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS		Changed Description
POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS		Changed Description
POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS (AT DIAGNOSIS)		Changed Description
POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS (MOTHER)		Changed Description
SOCIO-ECONOMIC CLASSIFICATION CODE (STOP SMOKING)		Changed Description

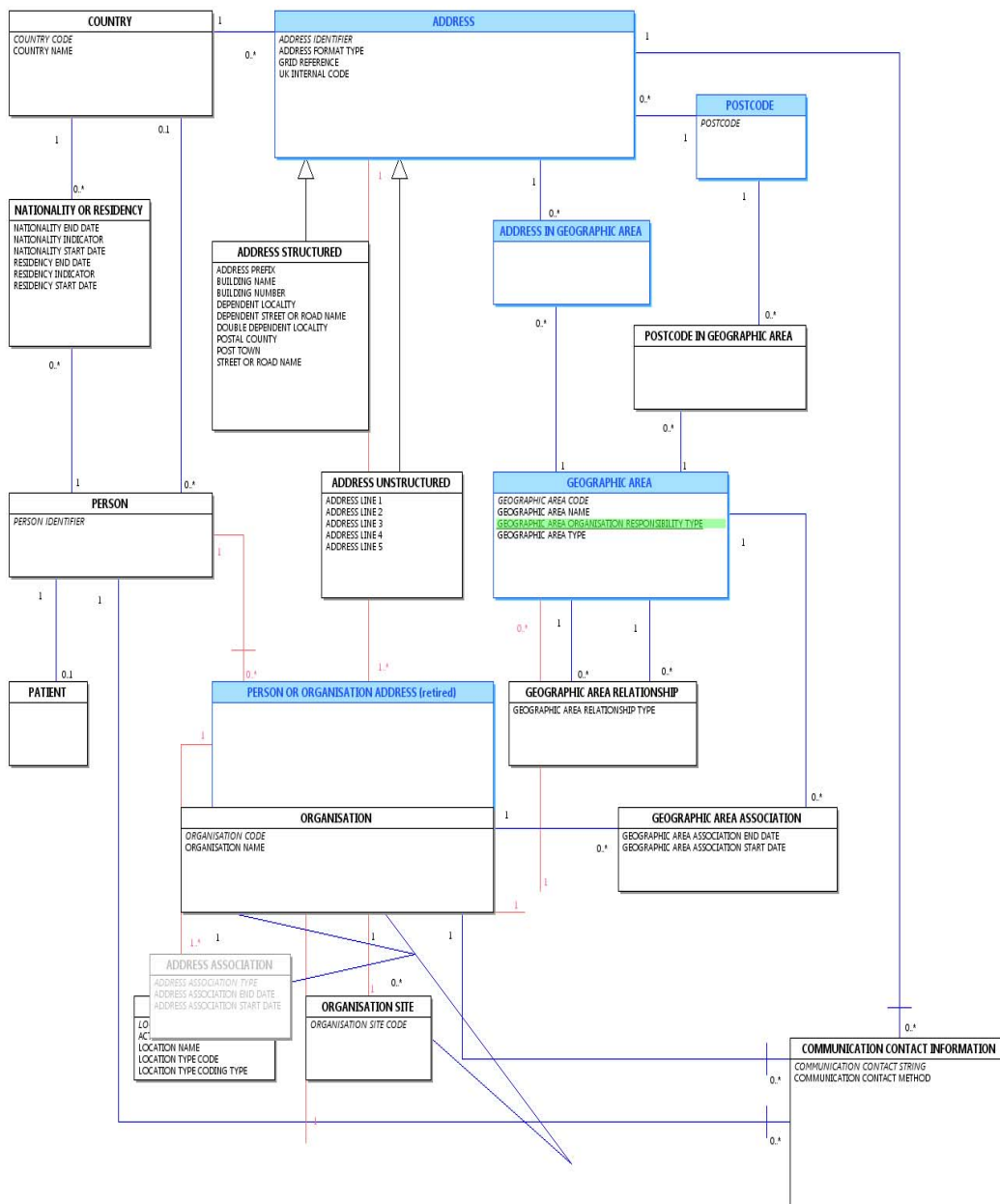
Date: 7 December 2011

Sponsor: Nicholas Oughtibridge, Acting Director of Data Standards and Products, Technology Office, Department of Health Informatics Directorate

Note: New text is shown with a blue background. Deleted text is crossed out. Retired text is shown in grey. Within the Diagrams deleted classes and relationships are red, changed items are blue and new items are green.

ADDRESS GEOGRAPHICAL AREA AND COMMUNICATION DIAGRAM

Change to Diagram: Changed Diagram



KC63 1

Change to Central Return Form: Changed attached binary file, Description

Central Return Form Guidance

KC63 - Adult Screening Programmes: Breast Screening, Resident Based

Contextual Overview

- The Department, NHS Breast Screening Programme (NHSBSP) and Regional Offices require information from [Health Authorities](#) on the breast cancer screening status of their residents.
- The NHS Breast Screening Programme (NHSBSP) and Regional Offices require information from [Primary Care Trusts](#) on the breast cancer screening status of their residents.
- The information is used to assess performance. Quality targets for breast screening are monitored and poor performances identified and followed up via performance management.
- Information on screening is used to monitor progress towards achieving the Government's target of a reduction in the death rate in the population invited for screening.
- Information on the return is also used in Public Expenditure Survey (PES) negotiations, resource allocation to the NHS and Departmental accountability.
- Information based on the KC63 return is published annually by the Department in the Statistical Bulletin `Breast Screening Programme`.

Completing Return KC63 - Adult Screening Programmes: Breast Screening

- The Breast [Screening Programme](#) is a structured programme by a [Strategic Health Authority](#) which is directed towards detecting specific diseases and conditions in a specific target group. The services provided to the population under this programme are carried out by a breast screening centre or Unit.

A [Screening Programme](#) is a [HEALTH PROGRAMME](#) where the [HEALTH PROGRAMME TYPE](#) is National code 06 'Screening programme'. A breast screening centre is type of a [SERVICE POINT](#).

- Information on Breast Screening should be readily available from the [Health Authorities](#) computerised call and recall system designed for breast cancer screening. A standard computer program is provided by NHS Connecting for Health.
- The return must be submitted by [Health Authorities](#) in respect of women resident in the [Health Authority](#) at 31 March. It is completed annually and submitted by the end of October following the end of the financial year to which the return relates.
- The KC63 return requires the [ORGANISATION CODE](#) and [ORGANISATION NAME](#) of the [Health Authority](#) as well as the name of a contact and the contact telephone number.
- Information based on the KC63 return is published annually by the [Department of Health](#) in the Statistical Bulletin `Breast Screening Programme`.

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A [Screening Programme](#) is a [HEALTH PROGRAMME](#) where the [HEALTH PROGRAMME TYPE](#) is National code

'*Screening Programme*': A breast screening centre is type of a SERVICE POINT.

- Information on Breast Screening should be readily available from the Primary Care Trust's computerised call and recall system designed for breast cancer screening. A standard computer program is provided by NHS Connecting for Health.
- The return must be submitted by Primary Care Trusts in respect of women resident in the Primary Care Trust at 31 March. It is completed annually and submitted by the end of October following the end of the financial year to which the return relates.
- The KC63 return requires the ORGANISATION CODE and ORGANISATION NAME of the Primary Care Trust as well as the name of a contact and the contact telephone number.
- Detailed information about compilation of the KC63 is contained in the NHS Connecting for Health publication '*KC63 Statistics: Table definitions*'.

KC63 1

Change to Central Return Form: Changed attached binary file, Description

This return is effective from 1 April 2002. It has been approved by the Review of Central Returns Steering Committee (ROCR) and Minister

DH Form

ADULT SCREENING PROGRAMMES - BREAST SCREENING

KC63

Year ending 31 March xxxx

Health Authority code _____

Health Authority name _____

Name of Health Authority Breast Screening contact _____

Health Authority Contact Telephone No. _____

Health Authority Contact Fax No _____

Health Authority Contact e-mail _____

If you have any queries regarding completion of this form, please contact SD2B on

Telephone : 020 7972 5543

Fax : 020 7972 5662

Returns should be completed and returned to : Department of Health
Statistics Division 2B
Room 430B, Skipton House
London, SE1 6LH

For NHS use. Please use this space to record anything relevant to the quality or consistency of the data.

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**This return has been approved by the Review of Central Returns
Steering Committee - ROCR. Reference ROCR/OR/0059/001**

Year ending 31 March 2010

PCT code _____
PCT name _____
Name of PCT Breast Screening contact _____
PCT Contact Telephone No. _____
PCT Contact Fax No _____
PCT Contact e-mail _____

If you have any queries regarding completion of this form, please contact The Information Centre on

Telephone : 0113 2542400
Email: cancer.screening@ic.nhs.uk

Returns should be completed and returned to : Health and Social Care Information Centre
1 Trevelyan Square
Boar Lane
Leeds
LS1 6AE

For NHS use. Please use this space to record anything relevant to the quality or consistency of the data.

- Changed Description

KC63 2

Change to Central Return Form: Changed attached binary file, Description

Central Return Form Guidance

KC63 - Adult Screening Programmes: Breast Screening

Breast Screening Programme

Part 1: Cross Section Analysis of Population Coverage within period 1/4/xxxx - 31/3/xxxx

- ~~KC63 requires information on the screening history of women who were resident in the [Strategic Health Authority](#) at 31 March.~~
- KC63 requires information on the screening history of women who were resident in the [Primary Care Trust](#) at 31 March.
- All types of screening episodes taking place within the stated period are counted. However, a woman will only be counted once in each screening category, regardless of how many of episodes she has. An 'episode' may be the result of a [Screening Test Invitation](#) (within the programme) or a [REFERRAL REQUEST](#) for an [APPOINTMENT](#) associated with an [APPOINTMENT OFFER](#) where the [APPOINTMENT CLASSIFICATION CODE](#) is National Code 06 'Screening Test' from outside the programme.

A [Screening Test](#) is a [CLINICAL INTERVENTION](#) where [CLINICAL INTERVENTION TYPE](#) is National Code 28 'Screening Test'.

Age of Woman at 31 March (column 2)

- ~~The age bands are derived from the [PERSON BIRTH DATE](#) of the [PERSON](#) at 31 March.~~

~~Under 45 (line 001)
45-49 (line 002)
50-52 (line 003)
53-54 (line 004)
55-59 (line 005)
60-64 (line 006)
65-69 (line 007)
70 (line 008)
71-74 (line 009)
75 and over (line 010)
Target Group 50-70 (line 11)
Total ages (line 000)~~

~~Number of women resident at 31 March xxxx (column 3)~~

- ~~This is derived from the registers maintained by the [Strategic Health Authority](#) to ensure compatibility with the other data recorded on the return.~~

~~Number of Ineligible Women (column 4)~~

- The age bands are derived from the [PERSON BIRTH DATE](#) of the [PERSON](#) at 31 March.

Under 45 (line 001)
45-49 (line 002)
50-52 (line 003)
53-54 (line 004)
55-59 (line 005)
60-64 (line 006)
65-69 (line 007)

70 (line 008)
71-74 (line 009)
75 and over (line 010)
Target Group 50-70 (line 11)
Total all ages (line 999)

Number of women resident at 31 March xxxx (column 3)

- This is derived from the registers maintained by the Primary Care Trust to ensure compatibility with the other data recorded on the return.

Number of Ineligible Women (column 4)

- A count of women with [SCREENING STATUS](#) classifications of 'Recall suspended' or 'Recall ceased'.

Never Screened: Number of women selected (column 5)

- This counts the number of women ([PERSONS IN PROGRAMME](#)) who have been selected for screening, but have no [Screening Test](#) or with a current first [Screening Test](#) with no [BREAST ASSESSMENT OR TEST OUTCOME](#).

A [Screening Test](#) is a [CLINICAL INTERVENTION](#) where [CLINICAL INTERVENTION TYPE](#) is National Code 28 'Screening Test'.

Never Screened: Number never selected (column 6)

- This counts the number of women who have no screening history at all.

Call/Recall Episodes: Number invited in period (column 7)

- The number invited relates to women with [SCREENING STATUS](#) classifications of 'First call' or 'Routine recall' who are sent [Screening Test Invitations](#) with first test date offered (the first [APPOINTMENT DATE OFFERED](#)) between 1 April and 31 March.

A [Screening Test Invitation](#) is an [APPOINTMENT](#) associated with an [APPOINTMENT OFFER](#) where the [APPOINTMENT CLASSIFICATION CODE](#) is National Code 06 'Screening Test'.

Call/Recall Episodes: Number screened in period (column 8)

- The number screened relates to the women in column 7 who have a [Screening Test](#) with a [SCREENING TEST RESULT](#).

Call/Recall Episodes: Number invited in last 3 years (column 9)

- The number invited relates to women with [SCREENING STATUS](#) classifications of 'First call' or 'Routine recall' who are sent [Screening Test Invitations](#) with first test date offered within the last three years.

Call/Recall Episodes: Number screened in last 3 years (column 10)

- The number screened relates to those women in column 9 who have a [Screening Test](#) with a [SCREENING TEST RESULTS](#).

Self/GP Referral Episodes: Number screened in period (column 11)

- The number screened relates to women with [REFERRAL REQUEST](#) for [Screening Test](#) with [SCREENING REFERRAL SOURCE](#) classifications of 'Self-referral' or 'GP referral' with a [Screening Test Date](#) between 1 April and 31 March and a [SCREENING TEST RESULTS](#).

[Screening Test Date](#) is the same as attribute [ACTIVITY DATE](#) where [ACTIVITY DATE TIME TYPE](#) is National Code 47 'Screening Test Date'.

Self/GP Referral Episodes: Number screened in last three years (column 12)

- The number screened relates to women with [REFERRAL REQUEST](#) for [Screening Test](#) classifications of 'Self-

referral or '*GP referral*' with a [Screening Test Date](#) in the past three years and a [SCREENING TEST RESULTS](#).

Women screened in period (column 13)

- The number screened relates to women with a [Screening Test Date](#) between 1 April and 31 March who have a [Screening Test](#) with a [SCREENING TEST RESULTS](#). This excludes the number invited with a [SCREENING STATUS](#) classification of '*Non-routine/Early recall advised*'.

Women screened in last three years (column 14)

- The number screened relates to women with a [Screening Test Date](#) in the past three years who have a [Screening Test](#) with a [SCREENING TEST RESULTS](#). This excludes the number invited with a [SCREENING STATUS](#) classification of '*Non-routine/Early recall advised*'.

Coverage: % Women screened in last 3 years (column 15)

- This is the percentage of eligible women who have been screened in the last 3 years. It is derived from the number screened in last three years (column 14) divided by (the number of women resident as at 31 March xxxx (column 3) minus the number of ineligible women (column 4)) multiplied by 100.

Part 2: Women with Open Episodes

- This counts the number of women with open screening episodes. An open episode is incomplete; an invitation for [Screening Test](#) or [REFERRAL REQUEST](#) for [Screening Test](#) has not yet resulted in a [SCREENING TEST RESULTS](#).
- Line 001 counts the number of open episodes which were initiated by a [REFERRAL REQUEST](#) for [Screening Test](#); Line 002 counts the number of open episodes which were initiated by an invitation for [Screening Test](#).

KC63 2

Change to Central Return Form: Changed attached binary file, Description

DH FORM BREAST SCREENING PROGRAMME KC63
 Part 1: CROSS SECTION ANALYSIS OF POPULATION COVERAGE WITHIN PERIOD 1/4/xxxx - 31/3/xxxx

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)		(6)				(7)		(8)		(9)		(10)		(11)		(12)		(13)		(14)		(15)		
Line Number	Age of woman at 31 March xxxx	Number of women resident as at 31 March xxxx	Number of ineligible women	Never screened		Call / Recall Episodes				Self/ISP Referral Episodes		Women screened		Coverage % Women screened in last 3 years														
				Number of women selected	Number never selected	Number invited in period	Number screened in period	Number invited in last 3 years	Number screened in last 3 years	Number screened in period	Number screened in last 3 years	Number screened in period	Number screened in last 3 years															
001	< 46																											
002	46 - 49																											
003	50 - 52																											
004	53 - 54																											
005	55 - 59																											
006	60 - 64																											
007	65 - 69																											
008	70																											
009	71-74																											
010	75+																											
011	Target Group (50-70)																											
999	Total all ages																											

Part 2: WOMEN WITH OPEN EPISODES

001	Number with Open episodes - no invite					002	Number with Open episodes - invited				
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Part 1: CROSS SECTION ANALYSIS OF POPULATION COVERAGE WITHIN PERIOD 1/4/2009 - 31/3/2010

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)
Line Number	Age of woman at 31 March 2010	Number of women resident as at 31 March 2010	Number of ineligible women	Never screened		Call / Recall Episodes				Self/GP Referral Episodes		Women screened		Coverage % Women screened in last 3 years
				Number of women selected	Number never selected	Number invited in period	Number screened in period	Number invited in last 3 years	Number screened in last 3 years	Number screened in period	Number screened in last 3 years	Number screened in period	Number screened in last 3 years	
001	< 45													
002	45 - 49													
003	50 - 52													
004	53 - 54													
005	55 - 59													
006	60 - 64													
007	65 - 69													
008	70													
009	71-74													
010	75+													
011	Target Group (50-70)													
999	Total all ages													

Part 2: WOMEN WITH OPEN EPISODES

001	Number with Open episodes - no invite	
002	Number with Open episodes - invited	

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PCT Code

(PCT Name)

- Changed Description

ADMINISTRATIVE CODES AND CLASSIFICATIONS

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

Responsible Agencies[Organisation Data Service:](#)

The [Organisation Data Service](#) is responsible for allocating administrative codes to a wide range of [ORGANISATIONS](#) in England and Wales, including but not limited to:

- [Strategic Health Authorities \(SHAs\)](#)
- [NHS Trusts](#)
- [Primary Care Trusts \(PCTs\)](#)
- [Care Trusts \(CTs\)](#)
- [Special Health Authorities \(SpHAs\)](#)

- ~~Independent Providers (physiotherapists, hypnotherapists etc.)~~
- [Special Health Authorities \(SpHAs\)](#)
- [Independent Providers](#)
- [Pathology Laboratories](#)
- Cancer Registries etc.

Several other UK agencies are responsible for issuing or publishing codes (to NHS standards) for the following healthcare [ORGANISATIONS](#) and [CARE PROFESSIONALS](#) and for maintaining their details.

- **[NHS Prescription Services:](#)**
 - [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS](#) in England, Wales, Isle of Man and Channel Islands
 - [GP Practices](#) in England, Isle of Man and Channel Islands
 - Pharmacy and appliance dispensers in England, Isle of Man and Channel Islands
- **[NHS Dental Services:](#)**
 - [GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONERS](#) in England, Wales and Isle of Man
 - General Dental Practices in England, Wales and Isle of Man
- **[NHS Wales Informatics Service \(NWIS\):](#)**
 - The Prescription Pricing Unit maintain [GP Practice](#) details by way of receiving notification from the Business Service Centre of a new [GP Practice](#) and then generating an internal code and passing on to the [NHS Prescription Services](#) for allocation of the W (Welsh) [GP Practice](#)
- **[NHS in Scotland:](#)**
 - All healthcare [ORGANISATIONS](#) and practitioners in Scotland
- **[Department of Health, Services and Public Safety \(DHSSPS\), Northern Ireland:](#)**
 - All healthcare [ORGANISATIONS](#) and practitioners in Northern Ireland
- **[Office for National Statistics \(ONS\):](#)**
 - Responsible for the formal definition of the geographical area covered by each [Primary Care Trust](#) and [Strategic Health Authority](#) (England), in terms of their component postcodes.

Administrative codes are used for:

- the identification of information returned to the [Department of Health](#);
- the identification of the [ORGANISATIONS](#) involved in the electronic exchange of information within the NHS;
- the identification of the parties involved in the commissioning and administration of an episode of care.

Where a valid [ORGANISATION CODE](#) is required for a message but is not available or not known for some reason, an [Organisation Data Service Default Code](#) can be used to provide a substitute value: These codes are maintained by the [Organisation Data Service](#).

The current coding standards were introduced in 1996 by the Organisation Codes Service (OCS), now the [Organisation Data Service](#). Subsequent revisions to the structure and format of [ORGANISATION CODES](#) have given these codes a consistent and stable format. This both reflects the organisational changes in the NHS and protects the codes against future changes to the structure of the NHS.

These details are made available in the [Organisation Data Service](#) data set, issued quarterly to NHS users via the online distribution service, [Technology Reference Data Update Distribution Service \(TRUD\)](#) and through the [Organisation Data Service](#) pages on the NHSnet.

For the [Organisation Data Service](#) contact details, see [Contact Details](#).

For codes and format see:

[ORGANISATION CODE](#)
[ORGANISATION DEPARTMENT CODE](#)
[ORGANISATION SITE CODE](#)
[CONSULTANT CODE](#)
[DOCTOR INDEX NUMBER](#)
[GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL REFERENCE NUMBER](#)
[GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER PPD CODE](#)
[GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBER](#)

CATCHMENT AREA

Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

A [Catchment Area](#) is a [GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#).

A [Catchment Area](#) is the area and population from which a town, city or individual service attracts visitors or customers.

For example:

- a [School Catchment Area](#) is the [GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#) from which students are eligible to attend a local [School](#)
- a [Primary Care Trust Catchment Area](#) is the [GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#) served by a [Primary Care Trust](#) etc.

This supporting information is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	Catchment Areas

COMMUNITY

Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

A [Community](#) is a [GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#).

[Community](#) is a very general term referring to the people living in a locality or to the locality itself.

Note: Welsh [Communities](#) are subdivisions of [Unitary Authorities](#) and their councils are the most local level of government in Wales. They are the equivalent of (civil) [Parishes](#) in England, but unlike English [Parishes](#), [Communities](#) cover the whole of Wales.

For further information on [Community](#), see the [Office for National Statistics website](#).

This supporting information is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
shortname	COM
plural	Communities

COUNTY

Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

A [County](#) is a [GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#).

[Counties](#) were formerly administrative units across the whole of the United Kingdom. However, due to administrative restructurings, the only administrative areas still referred to as [Counties](#) are the [Non-Metropolitan Counties](#) of England.

For further information on [Counties](#), see the [Office for National Statistics website](#).

This supporting information is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
shortname	CTY
plural	Counties

DISTRICT

Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

A District is a GEOGRAPHIC AREA.

Districts are local administrative units. The only current references to Districts are found in Metropolitan Districts and Non-Metropolitan Districts in England, and District Council Areas in Northern Ireland.

For further information on Districts, see the Office for National Statistics website.

This supporting information is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	Districts

ELECTORAL DIVISION

Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

An Electoral Division is a GEOGRAPHIC AREA.

Electoral Divisions are found in Wales, the Isle of Wight and six of the Unitary Authorities created in 2009.

Electoral Divisions are frequently referred to as Wards.

For further information on Electoral Divisions, see the Office for National Statistics website.

This supporting information is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
shortname	WD
alsoknownas	Ward
plural	Electoral Divisions

ELECTORAL WARD

Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

An Electoral Ward is a GEOGRAPHIC AREA.

Electoral Wards are the base unit of United Kingdom administrative geography such that all higher units are built up

from them. They are also used as a base unit for many other geographies such as parliamentary constituencies and Primary Care Trusts (PCTs).

For further information on Electoral Wards, see the Office for National Statistics website.

This supporting information is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
shortname	WD
alsoknownas	Ward
plural	Electoral Wards

ENUMERATION DISTRICT

Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

An Enumeration District (ED) is a GEOGRAPHIC AREA.

An Enumeration District (also known as a Census Enumeration District) is used across the United Kingdom for the purposes of census data collection.

For further information on Enumeration Districts, see the Office for National Statistics website.

This supporting information is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
shortname	ED
alsoknownas	Census Enumeration District
plural	Enumeration Districts

HEALTH AUTHORITY (RETIRED)_ renamed from HEALTH AUTHORITY

Change to Supporting Information: Changed status to Retired, Name, Description

~~Health Authority~~ is an ~~ORGANISATION~~. This item has been retired from the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.

~~A Corporate Body established by parliament, and responsible for the provision of comprehensive health care for residents in Wales or to fulfil other specific objectives as a Special Health Authority.~~ The last live version of this item is available in the November 2011 release of the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.

Access to this version can be obtained by emailing datastandards@nhs.net with "NHS Data Model and Dictionary - Archive Request" in the email subject line.

HEALTH AUTHORITY (RETIRED)_ renamed from HEALTH AUTHORITY

Change to Supporting Information: Changed status to Retired, Name, Description

- Retired Health Authority
- Changed Name from Data_Dictionary.NHS_Business_Definitions.H.Health_Authority to

- Changed Description

HEALTH PROTECTION AGENCY

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

The [Health Protection Agency](#) is a [Health Authority](#). The [Health Protection Agency](#) is an ORGANISATION.

The [Health Protection Agency](#) is an independent body that protects the health and well-being of the population. The [Health Protection Agency](#) plays a critical role in protecting people from infectious diseases and in preventing harm when hazards involving chemicals, poisons or radiation occur. The [Health Protection Agency](#) also prepares for new and emerging threats, such as a bio-terrorist attack or virulent new strain of disease.

For further information on the [Health Protection Agency](#), see the [Health Protection Agency website](#).

LOCAL AUTHORITY

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

A [Local Authority](#) is an ORGANISATION.

The structure of local government varies from area to area in England. In some areas there are two layers or tiers:

1. ~~a County or Shire Council as the upper tier and~~
2. ~~a District, Borough or City Council as the lower tier.~~
3. a County or Shire Council as the upper tier and
4. a District, Borough or City Council as the lower tier.

~~In other areas there is just a single tier made up of a 'Unitary Authority'. Unitary authorities may have adopted any of these names: In London each borough is a Unitary Authority, with the London Assembly providing strategic, city-wide government.~~ In other areas there is just a single tier made up of a 'Unitary Authority'. [Unitary Authorities](#) may have adopted any of these names. In London each borough is a Unitary Administration with a status similar to that of [Metropolitan Districts](#), with the London Assembly providing strategic, city-wide government.

A [Local Authority](#) is responsible for a range of services for both individuals and business which include:

- Health Services
- Social Services
- Education
- Planning
- Waste disposal, recycling and collection
- Trading standards
- Roads, highways and transportation
- Housing
- Environmental Health
- Approving planning applications
- Enforcing health, safety, environment and trading standards requirements etc

For the purposes of the [Organisation Data Service](#), the definition for a 'Local Authority' ORGANISATION is based on (but is not exactly the same as) the definition given within the Local Government Act, as follows:

A "[Local Authority](#)", in relation to England is:

- a County Council
- a District Council
- ~~a London Borough Council~~

- the Common Council of the City of London in its capacity as a Local Authority
- the Council of the Isles of Scilly
- a unitary authority
- a London Borough Council
- the Common Council of the City of London in its capacity as a Local Authority
- the Council of the Isles of Scilly
- a Unitary Authority

~~Across Wales, there is a single tier system of unitary authorities (Councils).~~ Across Wales, there is a single tier system of Unitary Authorities (Councils).

Note that the Scotland Councils and Northern Ireland Councils are not included within the [Organisation Data Service](#) data set.

Please Note: The [Local Authority](#) codes are not available for general use but must only be used to facilitate Spine Smartcard and Endpoint Registration.

LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT

Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

A [Local Authority District](#) is a GEOGRAPHIC AREA.

A [Local Authority District](#) is a generic term used to cover:

- [London Boroughs](#)
- [Metropolitan Districts](#)
- [Unitary Authorities and Non-Metropolitan Districts](#) in England
- [Unitary Authorities](#) in Wales
- [Council Areas](#) in Scotland and
- [District Council Areas](#) in Northern Ireland.

For further information on [Local Authority Districts](#), see the [Office for National Statistics website](#).

This supporting information is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
shortname	LAD
plural	Local Authority Districts

LONDON BOROUGH

Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

A [London Borough](#) is a GEOGRAPHIC AREA.

The [London Boroughs](#) are the local government areas within Greater London. The Borough Councils are unitary administrations with a status similar to [Metropolitan Districts](#).

For further information on the [London Boroughs](#), see the [Office for National Statistics website](#).

This supporting information is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
shortname	LONB
plural	London Boroughs

LOWER LAYER SUPER OUTPUT AREA

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Aliases, Description

A [Lower Layer Super Output Area \(LSOA\)](#) is a [GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#).

[Lower Layer Super Output Areas](#) are a geographic hierarchy designed to improve the reporting of small area statistics in England and Wales.

[Lower Layer Super Output Areas](#) are built from groups of contiguous [Output Areas](#) and have been automatically generated to be as consistent in population size as possible, and typically contain from four to six [Output Areas](#). The Minimum population is 1000 and the mean is 1500.

There is a [Lower Layer Super Output Area](#) for each [POSTCODE](#) in England and Wales. A pseudo code is available for Scotland, Northern Ireland, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

The [Organisation Data Service](#) publish files created on their behalf by the [Office for National Statistics](#), which link [POSTCODES](#) to the [Lower Layer Super Output Area](#).

See the [Organisation Data Service](#) website at [Contact Details](#) for the NHS Postcode Directory Gridlink ® Record Specification and data file.

~~For further information on [Lower Layer Super Output Areas](#), see the [Office for National Statistics website](#).~~ For further information on [Lower Layer Super Output Areas](#), see the [Office for National Statistics website](#).

LOWER LAYER SUPER OUTPUT AREA

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Aliases, Description

- Alias Changes
- Changed Description

Name	Old Value	New Value
alsoknownas		Lower Layer SOA

METROPOLITAN COUNTY

Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

A [Metropolitan County](#) is a [GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#).

The six [Metropolitan Counties](#) formed the upper tier of a two-tier local government structure in England between 1974 and 1986, when they were abolished and the district councils became unitary administrations. The [Metropolitan County](#) areas are still used for statistical purposes however.

For further information on [Metropolitan Counties](#), see the [Office for National Statistics website](#).

This supporting information is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
shortname	MCTY
plural	Metropolitan Counties

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

A [Metropolitan District](#) is a [GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#).

The 36 [Metropolitan Districts](#) are subdivisions of the 6 [Metropolitan County](#) Areas of England.

Since the abolition of the [Metropolitan County](#) councils in 1986 the [Metropolitan District](#) councils have been unitary administrations.

For further information on [Metropolitan Districts](#), see the [Office for National Statistics website](#).

This supporting information is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
shortname	MD
plural	Metropolitan Districts

MIDDLE LAYER SUPER OUTPUT AREA

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Aliases, Description

A [Middle Layer Super Output Area \(MSOA\)](#) is a [GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#).

[Middle Layer Super Output Areas](#) are a geographic hierarchy designed to improve the reporting of small area statistics in England and Wales.

[Middle Layer Super Output Areas](#) are built from groups of contiguous [Lower Layer Super Output Areas](#). The minimum population is 5000 and the mean is 7200.

The [Organisation Data Service](#) publish files created on their behalf by the [Office for National Statistics](#), which link [POSTCODES](#) to the [Middle Layer Super Output Area](#).

See the [Organisation Data Service](#) website at [Contact Details](#) for the NHS Postcode Directory Gridlink ® Record Specification and data file.

~~For further information on [Middle Layer Super Output Areas](#), see the [Office for National Statistics website](#).~~ For further information on [Middle Layer Super Output Areas](#), see the [Office for National Statistics website](#).

MIDDLE LAYER SUPER OUTPUT AREA

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Aliases, Description

- Alias Changes

- Changed Description

Name	Old Value	New Value
alsoknownas		Middle Layer SOA

NHS INFORMATION CENTRE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

~~The NHS Information Centre for health and social care is an NHS Special Health Authority that collects, analyses and distributes national statistics on health and social care.~~ The NHS Information Centre for health and social care is an NHS Special Health Authority that collects, analyses and distributes national statistics on health and social care.

It also underpins regulation, health research, education and training. Health, social care, government and education bodies trust information from [The NHS Information Centre for health and social care](#), which is reliable, up-to-date, independent and trustworthy.

[The NHS Information Centre for health and social care](#) collection systems make it quick and easy for frontline staff to provide data with minimum impact on the delivery of care.

NHS frontline management, clinicians, information and care professionals, policy makers, [PATIENTS](#) and the media rely on [The NHS Information Centre for health and social care](#) for their information needs.

Note: [Health and Social Care Information Centre](#) is the statutory name for this [ORGANISATION](#).

The preferred name is [The NHS Information Centre for health and social care](#).

Further information on [The NHS Information Centre for health and social care](#) can be found on [The NHS Information Centre for health and social care website](#).

NHS POSTCODE DIRECTORY

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

Background

- ~~The [NHS Postcode Directory](#) is maintained, on behalf of the [Department of Health](#), by the [Office for National Statistics](#). It contains a record for every [POSTCODE](#) in the UK, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, and associates each [POSTCODE](#) with a variety of geographic information, including grid references, [Primary Care Trusts](#) and [Care Trusts](#) (England), [Local Health Boards \(Wales\)](#), [Community Health Partnerships \(Scotland\)](#) and [Strategic Health Authority](#) codes. The file also includes pseudo [POSTCODES](#) covering defaults and overseas countries.~~
- The NHS Postcode Directory is maintained, on behalf of the Department of Health, by the Office for National Statistics. It contains a record for every POSTCODE in the UK, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, and associates each POSTCODE with a variety of geographic information, including grid references, Primary Care Trusts and Care Trusts (England), Local Health Boards (Wales), Community Health Partnerships (Scotland) and Strategic Health Authority codes. The file also includes pseudo POSTCODES covering defaults and overseas countries.
- The full and reduced versions of the [NHS Postcode Directory](#) are issued every quarter by the [Organisation Data Service](#). Named recipients both inside the NHS and other recipients licensed to use this data in support of the NHS are able to access it through the online distribution service, [Technology Reference Data Update Distribution Service \(TRUD\)](#) and through the [Organisation Data Service](#) pages on NHSnet; see [Contact Details](#).
- A full description of the [NHS Postcode Directory](#) and the [Organisation Data Service](#) reduced postcode data files, can be found by browsing the [Office for National Statistics](#) Data section of the [Organisation Data Service](#) pages on NHSnet at:
 - <http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/ods/downloads/officenatstats/> ([NHS Postcode Directory](#)) and

- o <http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/ods/downloads/postcode/> (reduced files).
- A full description of the NHS Postcode Directory and the Organisation Data Service reduced POSTCODE data files, can be found by browsing the Office for National Statistics Data section of the Organisation Data Service pages on NHSnet at:
 - o <http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/ods/downloads/officenatstats/> (NHS Postcode Directory) and
 - o <http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/ods/downloads/postcode/> (reduced files).

The same descriptions can also be accessed via the [Technology Reference Data Update Distribution Service \(TRUD\)](#).

- The [Office for National Statistics](#) will supply, on request and at a cost, copies of the [NHS Postcode Directory](#), on different media, in different formats and for selected extracts. Contact the [Office for National Statistics](#) for details and charges; see [Contact Details](#).

Postcodes

- All [POSTCODES](#) made available via the [Organisation Data Service](#) postcode files have been standardised to the eight character postcode format as used by the Royal Mail's Postal Address File (PAF). All NHS [ORGANISATIONS](#) should ensure that they conform to the [POSTCODE](#) format.

[POSTCODES](#) are of the general format:

Character Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Format	a	a/n	a/n	a/n	space	n	a	a
Coding Frame	Outward Code				space	Inward Code		

- The coding frame allows the use of digits 0 (zero) to 9 and the use of upper-case alpha characters; no special characters are allowed.
- The fifth character of all standard format [POSTCODES](#) is always a space, and separates the outward and inward parts of the [POSTCODE](#). The outward part of the [POSTCODE](#) is left-justified and can contain 2, 3 or 4 characters, and is space-filled in character positions 3 and 4 where required. The inward part of the [POSTCODE](#) is always 3 characters.

The following table gives examples of typical [POSTCODES](#):

Character Position								Allocated by	Notes
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
W	9				3	X	X	Royal Mail	
D	A	1			5	P	L	Royal Mail	
M	K	4	5		1	T	E	Royal Mail	
Z	Z	9	9		4	L	Z	ODS	Pseudo Postcodes, Defaults and Overseas
Z	Z	9	9		4	L	Z	ODS	POSTCODES for PATIENTS who are Overseas Visitors
Z	Z	9	9		3	W	Z	ODS	Pseudo POSTCODES

Related Products

- The [Office for National Statistics](#) produce a version of the [NHS Postcode Directory](#) that is based on a stable area base to facilitate time series analysis - the 1991-based Frozen Postcode Directory. This is available from the [Office for National Statistics](#).
- The [Organisation Data Service](#) issues the two supporting publications which are updated for and included with

each quarterly publication of the postcode directories. This ensures that any new customers receive the necessary information. The "**NHSPD User Guide**" contains a description of the [NHS Postcode Directory](#) and its content along with information about the methodologies used, data quality and limitations. The "**NHS PD Version Notes**" contains a range of summary statistics and highlights important issues that may affect customers. Electronic copies are provided through the online distribution service [Technology Reference Data Update Distribution Service \(TRUD\)](#) and through the [Organisation Data Service](#) pages on NHSnet each quarter, see [Contact Details](#).

Changes

- Requests and suggestions for improvements to the [NHS Postcode Directory](#) or queries relating to its use should be directed to the [Organisation Data Service](#), who are taking the lead on this product on behalf of the NHS; see [Contact Details](#).

NON-METROPOLITAN COUNTY

Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

A [Non-Metropolitan County](#) is a [GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#).

The [Non-Metropolitan Counties](#) form the upper tier of the two-tier local government structure found in many parts of England.

Note: the lower tier of the structure is the [Non-Metropolitan District](#).

For further information on [Non-Metropolitan Counties](#), see the [Office for National Statistics website](#).

This supporting information is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
shortname	CTY
plural	Non-Metropolitan Counties

NON-METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

A [Non-Metropolitan District](#) is a [GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#).

[Non-Metropolitan Districts](#) form the lower tier of the two-tier local government structure found in many parts of England.

Note: the upper tier of the structure is the [Non-Metropolitan County](#).

For further information on [Non-Metropolitan Districts](#), see the [Office for National Statistics website](#).

This supporting information is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
shortname	NMD
plural	Non-Metropolitan Districts

OFFICE FOR NATIONAL STATISTICS

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

The [Office for National Statistics \(ONS\)](#) is the executive office of the UK Statistics Authority, a non-ministerial department which reports directly to Parliament. The [Office for National Statistics](#) is the UK Government's single largest statistical producer. It functions as:

- the office of the National Statistician, who is also the UK Statistics Authority's Chief Executive and principal statistical adviser
- the UK's National Statistics Institute and
- the 'Head Office' of the Government Statistical Service (GSS)

~~For further information on the [Office for National Statistics](#), see the [Office for National Statistics website](#).~~ For further information on the [Office for National Statistics](#), see the [Office for National Statistics website](#).

PARISH

Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

A [Parish](#) is a [GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#).

[Parishes](#) are subdivisions of [Local Authorities](#) in many parts of England, with their councils being the most local level of government.

For further information on [Parishes](#), see the [Office for National Statistics website](#).

This supporting information is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
shortname	PAR
plural	Parishes
fullname	Civil Parish

POLLING DISTRICT

Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

A [Polling District](#) is a [GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#).

A [Polling District](#) is the area created by the division of a constituency, ward or division into smaller parts, within which a polling place can be determined which is convenient to electors.

This supporting information is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	Polling Districts

PRIMARY CARE TRUST

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

~~Primary Care Trust~~ is an ~~ORGANISATION~~. A Primary Care Trust is an ORGANISATION.

A ~~Primary Care Trust~~ is a legal entity, set up by order of the Secretary of State. A Primary Care Trust (PCT) is a legal entity, set up by order of the Secretary of State. It is a free-standing NHS body, performance managed by a [Strategic Health Authority](#).

The overall function of a ~~Primary Care Trust~~ is to improve the health of the responsible population, develop primary and community health services, and commission secondary care services. A ~~Primary Care Trust~~ will, if it so wishes and is capable of doing so, be able to provide directly a range of community health services, creating new opportunities to integrate primary and community health services as well as health and social care provision. ~~Primary Care Trusts~~ work with [Local Authorities](#) and other agencies that provide health and social care locally to make sure that local community's needs are being met.

The [Primary Care Trust](#)'s responsible population comprises:

- ~~all PERSONS registered with a [General Medical Practitioner Practice](#) whose practice forms part of the [Primary Care Trust](#), regardless of where the PERSON is resident, plus~~
- ~~any PERSONS not registered with a [General Medical Practitioner Practice](#) who are resident within the [Primary Care Trust](#)'s statutory geographical boundary~~
- all PERSONS registered with a [General Medical Practitioner Practice](#) whose practice forms part of the [Primary Care Trust](#), regardless of where the PERSON is resident, plus
- any PERSONS not registered with a [General Medical Practitioner Practice](#) who are resident within the [Primary Care Trust](#)'s statutory GEOGRAPHIC AREA.

Note that [PERSONS](#) resident within the [Primary Care Trust GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#), but registered with a [General Medical Practitioner Practice](#) belonging to another [Primary Care Trust](#), are the responsibility of that other [Primary Care Trust](#). Note: [PERSONS](#) resident within the [Primary Care Trust GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#), but registered with a [General Medical Practitioner Practice](#) belonging to another [Primary Care Trust](#), are the responsibility of that other [Primary Care Trust](#).

With "Shifting the Balance of Power", [Primary Care Trusts](#) will be the leading NHS [ORGANISATION](#) for partnership with local authorities and a range of other partners, including [NHS Trusts](#), [Strategic Health Authorities](#) and a range of other [Primary Care Trusts](#) and local communities to improve health and deliver wider objectives for social and economic regeneration.

~~Primary Care Trusts~~ provide some services themselves and others through agreement with other [ORGANISATIONS](#). Several [Primary Care Trusts](#) may decide to work together to provide certain services. In this case a lead [Primary Care Trust](#) will be identified for the group.

There may be occasions when relationships are formed on a larger scale. For example the provision of a highly specialised service, such as specialist cancer or spinal injury services, may be done collaboratively across a population larger even than [Strategic Health Authority](#).

References:-

[Department of Health](#) document "[Primary Care Trusts: Establishing Better Services](#)" (Ref: PCT1) issued April 1999.

PUBLICATION INFORMATION CONTACT DETAILS

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

- **NHS Data Model and Dictionary:**

NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service
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NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service Website:

<http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/systemsandservices/data/datamodeldictionary>

- **[Information Standards Board for Health and Social Care:](#)**

[Information Standards Board for Health and Social Care](#)

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- **[Department of Health](#)**

Website: [Department of Health website](#)

Queries: [Contact Us Details](#)

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[The NHS Information Centre for health and social care](#)

Website: [The NHS Information Centre for Health and Social Care website](#)

Queries: [Contact Us Details](#)

Email: enquiries@ic.nhs.uk

- **[Hospital Episode Statistics \(HES\):](#)**

Website: [HES online](#)

Queries: [HES queries](#)

- **Clinical Coding general enquiries:**

[International Classification of Diseases \(ICD\)](#)

[OPCS Classification of Interventions and Procedures \(OPCS-4\);](#)

[Read Coded Clinical Terms;](#)

[Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine Clinical Terms \(SNOMED CT®\)](#)

For all general enquiries, contact:

NHS Connecting for Health
Data Standards and Products Help Desk

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Website: <http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/systemsandservices/data/clinicalcoding/>

- **Organisation Data Service Queries:**

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Hexagon House
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[Organisation Data Service](#) information can be accessed on the following websites:

- NHSnet pages where data is published: <http://nww.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/ods/>
- Public domain pages: <http://www.nhs.uk/ods/>
- Information pages on the NHS Connecting for Health website: <http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/systemsandservices/data/ods>
- [Technology Reference Data Update Distribution Service \(TRUD\) website](#) for data downloads.

- **Postcodes:**

[Office for National Statistics](#)

Telephone: 0845 601 3034

Fax: 01633 652747

Email: info@statistics.gov.uk

Website: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/aboutuk/ons/index.html>

National Health Service Postcode Directory (NHSPD) Website:
<http://www.ons.gov.uk/aboutuk/ons/index.html>
 National Health Service Postcode Directory (NHSPD) Website:
[National Statistics Postcode Products](#)

REGION

Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

A [Region](#) is a [GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#).

After the Comprehensive Spending Review, it was confirmed that the Government Office Regions (GORs) would close at 31 March 2011, shifting focus away from regions to local areas.

From 1 April 2011, the areas covered by the Government Office Regions (GORs) are referred to as 'Regions' for statistical purposes only.

Note: Government Office Regions (GORs) were the primary classification for the presentation of regional statistics.

For further information on Regions, see the [Office for National Statistics website](#).

This supporting information is also known by these names:

Context	Alias

formerly	Government Office Region (GOR)
plural	Regions

SPECIAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

A [Special Health Authority \(SpHA\)](#) is an [ORGANISATION](#).

A [Special Health Authority](#) provides a health service to the whole of England, not just to a local community, for example, [The NHS Information Centre for health and social care](#), [National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence](#) etc.

[Special Health Authorities](#) are independent, but can be subject to ministerial direction in the same way as other NHS bodies.

For further information on [Special Health Authorities](#), see the NHS Choices website at:

- [Special Health Authorities](#)
- [Authorities and trusts](#).

This supporting information is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
shortname	SpHA
plural	Special Health Authorities

SPECIALIST COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE: SCHOOL NURSE

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

~~[Specialist Community Public Health Nurse - School Nurses](#) provide a variety of services such as providing health and sex education within [Schools](#), carrying out developmental screening, undertaking health interviews and administering immunisation programmes. [Specialist Community Public Health Nurse - School Nurses](#) can be employed either by the [Local Health Authority](#), [Primary Care Trust](#), [Community Trust](#) or sometimes by the [School](#) directly.~~ [Specialist Community Public Health Nurse - School Nurses](#) provide a variety of services such as:

- [providing health and sex education within Schools](#)
- [carrying out developmental screening](#)
- [undertaking health interviews, administering immunisation programmes etc.](#)

[Specialist Community Public Health Nurse - School Nurses](#) can be employed either by the [Local Health Authority](#), [Primary Care Trust](#), [NHS Trust](#) or sometimes by the [School](#) directly.

UNITARY AUTHORITY

Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

A [Unitary Authority \(UA\)](#) is a [GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#).

[Unitary Authorities](#) are areas with a single tier of local government (as opposed to the two-tier [County:District](#)

structure). They are found wholly in Wales and parts of England.

For further information on Unitary Authorities, see the Office for National Statistics website.

This supporting information is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
shortname	UA
plural	Unitary Authorities

ADDRESS

Change to Class: Changed Description, Relationships

Subtypes of ADDRESS are:

- ADDRESS STRUCTURED
- ADDRESS UNSTRUCTURED

The identification of a place of relevance to a PERSON, an ORGANISATION, an ORGANISATION SITE or LOCATION. The ADDRESS may have COMMUNICATION CONTACT INFORMATION associated with it and may be the location for an ACTIVITY. The identification of a place of relevance to a:

- PERSON
- ORGANISATION
- ORGANISATION SITE or
- LOCATION.

The ADDRESS may have COMMUNICATION CONTACT INFORMATION associated with it and may be the location for an ACTIVITY.

ADDRESS

Change to Class: Changed Description, Relationships

Each ADDRESS

- must be located within one and only one COUNTRY
- ~~must be used as one or more PERSON OR ORGANISATION ADDRESS~~
- must be located at one and only one POSTCODE
- may be the location for one or more ACTIVITY
- may be grouped by one or more ADDRESS IN GEOGRAPHIC AREA
- may be contacted via one or more COMMUNICATION CONTACT INFORMATION

ADDRESS IN GEOGRAPHIC AREA

Change to Class: Changed Description

~~The association between an ADDRESS and a GEOGRAPHIC AREA (eg. '29, High Street, Coventry' is within the GEOGRAPHIC AREA 'Coventry City Council').~~ The association between an ADDRESS and a GEOGRAPHIC AREA.

EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT

Change to Class: Changed Description

A subtype of [PERSON PROPERTY](#).

~~A multidisciplinary assessment of the educational needs of a child involving both health and [Local Authority](#) staff, regardless of whether the child was notified by the [Health Authority](#).~~ A multidisciplinary assessment of the educational needs of a child involving both health and [Local Authority](#) staff.

GEOGRAPHIC AREA

Change to Class: Changed Attributes, Description, Relationships

~~An area with definable or notional boundaries (eg. 'Hillsborough Electoral Ward', 'Sheffield West PCT').~~ An area with definable or notional boundaries.

~~Note: [GEOGRAPHIC AREA CODES](#) and [GEOGRAPHIC AREA NAMES](#) are compatible with the use of the NHS Postcode Directory (NHS PD).~~ [GEOGRAPHIC AREA TYPE](#) provides a list of types of [GEOGRAPHIC AREAS](#).

Note: [GEOGRAPHIC AREA CODES](#) and [GEOGRAPHIC AREA NAMES](#) are compatible with the use of the [NHS Postcode Directory \(NHS PD\)](#).

GEOGRAPHIC AREA

Change to Class: Changed Attributes, Description, Relationships

Attributes of this Class are:

K [GEOGRAPHIC AREA CODE](#)
 [GEOGRAPHIC AREA NAME](#)
 [GEOGRAPHIC AREA ORGANISATION RESPONSIBILITY TYPE](#)
 [GEOGRAPHIC AREA TYPE](#)

GEOGRAPHIC AREA

Change to Class: Changed Attributes, Description, Relationships

Each GEOGRAPHIC AREA

~~must be the residential area for one and only one ORGANISATION~~
may be the location for one or more [ADDRESS IN GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#)
may be the association for one or more [GEOGRAPHIC AREA ASSOCIATION](#)
may be the second party in one or more [GEOGRAPHIC AREA RELATIONSHIP](#)
may be the first party in one or more [GEOGRAPHIC AREA RELATIONSHIP](#)
may be related to one or more [POSTCODE IN GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#)

LOCATION

Change to Class: Changed Relationships

Each LOCATION

must be created and updated by one and only one [ORGANISATION](#)
may be the location for one or more [ACTIVITY](#)
may be the originator of one or more [DIAGNOSTIC TEST REQUEST](#)
~~may be at one or more [PERSON OR ORGANISATION ADDRESS](#)~~
may be a venue for one or more [PLANNED ACTIVITY](#)

may be the location for one or more SESSION

ORGANISATION

Change to Class: Changed Relationships

Each ORGANISATION

may be a supplier of one or more ACTIVITY
may be the originator of one or more CARE PLAN
may be the employer of one or more CARE PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATION
may be related to one or more CLINICAL INVESTIGATION SERVICE PROVIDER
may be contacted via one or more COMMUNICATION CONTACT INFORMATION
may be the operator and manager of one or more DEPARTMENT
may be the employer of one or more EMPLOYEE IN ORGANISATION
may be agreeing to one or more EMPLOYEE PLAN
~~may be the resident in one or more GEOGRAPHIC AREA~~
may be associated with one or more GEOGRAPHIC AREA ASSOCIATION
may be the subject of one or more GMP CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OR REIMBURSEMENT
may be the recipient of one or more GMP CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OR REIMBURSEMENT
may be the payee of one or more GMP PAYMENT OR REIMBURSEMENT
may be the lead for one or more HEALTH PROGRAMME
may be the creator and updater of one or more LOCATION
may be the commissioner of one or more NHS SERVICE AGREEMENT
may be playing one or more ORGANISATION ACTIVITY ROLE
may be the owner of one or more ORGANISATION DEPARTMENT
may be recorded as one or more ORGANISATION REGISTRATION
may be the second party in one or more ORGANISATION RELATIONSHIP
may be the first party in one or more ORGANISATION RELATIONSHIP
may be related to one or more ORGANISATION REPORTING PERIOD
may be the operator or manager of one or more ORGANISATION SITE
may be the registered organisation for one or more PATIENT ORGANISATION
may be the issuer of the identifier of one or more PATIENT PATHWAY
~~may be the association of one or more PERSON OR ORGANISATION ADDRESS~~
may be the holder of one or more PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT STOCK
may be intending to provide one or more PLANNED ACTIVITY
may be the controller of one or more POSITION
may be a fund holder of one or more POSITION NON-NHS FUNDING
may be the place of treatment for one or more PRIOR NOTIFICATION LIST ENTRY
may be the owner of one or more PRIOR NOTIFICATION LIST FOR CYTOLOGY
may be the player of a role within one or more PROVIDER IN SERVICE AGREEMENT
may be the qualification awarding body of one or more QUALIFICATION
may be the holder of one or more REGISTER
may be the provider of one or more RIGHT OF ADMISSION
may be the requester of one or more SERVICE REPORT
may be the receiver of a copy of one or more SERVICE REPORT
may be the issuer of one or more SERVICE REPORT
may be the originator of one or more SERVICE REQUEST
may be the subject of one or more SINGLE SEX ACCOMMODATION TARGET
may be the provider of one or more TRAINING ACTIVITY
may be the recipient of one or more TRANSPORT REQUEST
may be the first recorder of one or more TRANSPORT REQUEST INCIDENT
may be the responsible owner organisation of one or more WAITING LIST
may be the receiver of one or more WRITTEN COMPLAINT

ORGANISATION SITE

Change to Class: Changed Relationships

Each ORGANISATION SITE

must be operated or managed by one and only one ORGANISATION
may be the location for one or more ACTIVITY
may be the treatment location for one or more ELECTIVE ADMISSION LIST ENTRY
may be vacated by one or more LEAVE
may be the owner of one or more ORGANISATION DEPARTMENT
may be the location of one and only one ORGANISATION REGISTRATION
may be related to one or more ORGANISATION SITE BED AVAILABILITY
may be related to one or more ORGANISATION SITE BED OCCUPANCY
~~may be at one or more PERSON OR ORGANISATION ADDRESS~~
may be accessed by using one or more RIGHT OF ADMISSION
may be categorised by one and only one SECURE ACCOMMODATION TYPE
may be subdivided into one or more SERVICE POINT
may be the location for one or more SESSION
may be subdivided into one or more WARD

PERSON

Change to Class: Changed Relationships

Each PERSON

must be the user of one or more PERSON NAME
must be the owner of one or more PERSON ORGAN
may be required to complete one or more ASSESSMENT TOOL
may be registered as one and only one CARE PROFESSIONAL
may be contacted via one or more COMMUNICATION CONTACT INFORMATION
may be born in one and only one COUNTRY
may be classified by one or more EDUCATION
may be recorded as one or more EMPLOYEE
may be supervisor of one or more EMPLOYEE SUPERVISOR
may be classified by one or more EMPLOYMENT
may be classified by one or more NATIONALITY OR RESIDENCY
may be registered as one and only one PATIENT
may be the subject of one or more PERSON DEATH DETAILS
~~may be related to one or more PERSON OR ORGANISATION ADDRESS~~
may be the reporter of one or more PERSON PROPERTY
may be the recorder of one or more PERSON PROPERTY
may be the owner of one or more PERSON PROPERTY
may be the observer of one or more PERSON PROPERTY
may be the second party in one or more PERSON RELATIONSHIP
may be the first party in one or more PERSON RELATIONSHIP
may be holder of one or more PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION
may be the recipient of one or more TISSUE TRANSPLANT

PERSON OR ORGANISATION ADDRESS (RETIRED)___ renamed from PERSON OR ORGANISATION ADDRESS

Change to Class: Changed status to Retired, Name, Description, Relationships

An association of a [PERSON](#), an [ORGANISATION](#), an [ORGANISATION SITE](#) or a [LOCATION](#) with a particular [ADDRESS](#). ~~PERSON OR ORGANISATION ADDRESS~~ has been retired from the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.

The last live version of [PERSON OR ORGANISATION ADDRESS](#) is available in the November 2011 release of the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.

Access to this version can be obtained by emailing datastandards@nhs.net with "NHS Data Model and Dictionary - Archive Request" in the email subject line.

PERSON OR ORGANISATION ADDRESS (RETIRED) renamed from PERSON OR ORGANISATION ADDRESS

Change to Class: Changed status to Retired, Name, Description, Relationships

~~Each PERSON OR ORGANISATION ADDRESS~~

- ~~⌘ must be identifying the use of one and only one ADDRESS~~
- ~~⌘ must be for one and only one LOCATION~~
- ~~⌘ or must be for one and only one ORGANISATION~~
- ~~⌘ or must be for one and only one ORGANISATION SITE~~
- ~~⌘ or must be the subject of one and only one PERSON~~
- ~~must be used for one or more ADDRESS ASSOCIATION~~

PERSON OR ORGANISATION ADDRESS (RETIRED) renamed from PERSON OR ORGANISATION ADDRESS

Change to Class: Changed status to Retired, Name, Description, Relationships

- Retired PERSON OR ORGANISATION ADDRESS
- Changed Name from Data_Dictionary.Classes.P.PERSON_OR_ORGANISATION_ADDRESS to Retired.Data_Dictionary.Classes.P.PERSON_OR_ORGANISATION_ADDRESS
- Changed Description
- Changed Relationships

POSTCODE

Change to Class: Changed Description

~~The code allocated by the Post Office to identify a group of postal delivery points.~~ The code assigned by Royal Mail to identify postal delivery areas across the United Kingdom.

ADDRESS FORMAT TYPE

Change to Attribute: Changed Description

~~The classification of an ADDRESS format (eg. 'Post Office Preferred Format'). The classification 'b' - Vernacular Format should be used for those ADDRESSES that are structured but have not been matched with the Post Office Address File. The classification 'c' - Unstructured Format should be used in conjunction with the ADDRESS UNSTRUCTURED.~~ The classification of an ADDRESS format.

Classification:

- a. Post Office Preferred Format
- ~~b. Vernacular Format~~
- ~~c. Unstructured Format~~
- b. Vernacular Format
To be used for ADDRESSES that are structured but have not been matched with the Post Office Address File
- c. Unstructured Format
To be used in conjunction with ADDRESS UNSTRUCTURED

GEOGRAPHIC AREA ORGANISATION RESPONSIBILITY TYPE

Change to Attribute: New Attribute

The type of responsibility that an ORGANISATION has in relation to a GEOGRAPHIC AREA.

This attribute is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	GEOGRAPHIC AREA ORGANISATION RESPONSIBILITY TYPES

GEOGRAPHIC AREA TYPE

Change to Attribute: Changed Description

The classification of a ~~GEOGRAPHIC AREA~~. The type of GEOGRAPHIC AREA.

National Codes:

- 01 ~~Health Authority (HA) Area~~
- 02 ~~REO Area~~
- 03 ~~Catchment Area~~
- 04 ~~Enumeration District~~
- 05 ~~Electoral Ward~~
- 06 ~~Polling District~~
- 07 ~~Parish~~ [Local Authority](#)
- 08 ~~District~~ [Local Authority](#)
- 09 ~~County~~ [Local Authority](#)
- 10 ~~Mental Health Act Sector~~
- 11 ~~GP Practice Area~~
- 12 ~~Metropolitan Area~~
- 13 ~~Country~~
- 14 ~~Output Area~~
- 15 ~~Lower Layer Super Output Area~~
- 16 ~~Middle Layer Super Output Area~~
- 01 ~~Health Authority (HA) Area (Retired)~~
- 02 ~~REO Area (Retired)~~
- 03 ~~Catchment Area (Retired)~~
- 04 ~~Enumeration District~~
- 05 ~~Electoral Ward~~
- 06 ~~Polling District~~
- 07 ~~Parish~~
- 08 ~~District~~
- 09 ~~County~~
- 10 ~~Mental Health Act Sector (Retired)~~
- 11 ~~GP Practice Catchment Area~~
- 12 ~~Metropolitan County~~
- 13 ~~Metropolitan District~~
- 14 ~~COUNTRY~~
- 15 ~~Output Area~~
- 16 ~~Lower Layer Super Output Area~~
- 17 ~~Middle Layer Super Output Area~~
- 18 ~~POSTCODE~~
- 19 ~~School Catchment Area~~
- 20 ~~Primary Care Trust Catchment Area~~
- 21 ~~Local Authority District~~
- 22 ~~Non-Metropolitan County~~
- 23 ~~Non-Metropolitan District~~
- 24 ~~Unitary Authority~~
- 25 ~~London Borough~~
- 26 ~~Region~~
- 27 ~~Community~~
- 28 ~~Electoral Division~~

OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER END DATE

Change to Attribute: Changed Description

The [DATE](#) on which the [OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER](#) has ceased to be employed by a [Health Authority](#). The [DATE](#) on which the [OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER](#) ceased to be employed.

OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER START DATE

Change to Attribute: Changed Description

The [DATE](#) on which the [OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER](#) has become employed by a [Health Authority](#). The [DATE](#) on which the [OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER](#) became employed.

ORGANISATION CODE

Change to Attribute: Changed Description

A code which identifies an [ORGANISATION](#) uniquely.

For NHS [ORGANISATIONS](#) it is a code that is managed by either the:

- [Organisation Data Service \(ODS\)](#)
- [NHS Prescription Services](#)
- [NHS Dental Services](#)

to identify most [ORGANISATIONS](#) that exchange information within the NHS or return information to the Centre. Examples of [ORGANISATIONS](#) that can be identified this way are [Primary Care Trusts](#) and [Strategic Health Authorities](#).

Notes:

- [Organisation Data Service](#) codes can be downloaded:
 - from the [Organisation Data Service website](#) for NHS staff only and
 - via files issued on the [Technology Reference Data Update Distribution Service \(TRUD\) website](#)
- [Organisation Data Service](#) contact details, can be found at [Contact Details](#).

ORGANISATION CODING FRAMES

- All NHS [ORGANISATIONS](#) are coded using coding frames, as shown in the tables below:

Character Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Format	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n
A Frame	Organisation	Organisation Identifier						

	Type Identifier						
B Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Organisation Identifier					
C Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Organisation Identifier					
D Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Organisation Identifier					
E Frame	Organisation Identifier						
F Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Organisation Identifier					
G Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Practice Identifier					
H Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Organisation Identifier					
I Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Organisation Identifier					
J Frame	Organisation Type Identifier			Organisation Identifier			
K Frame	Organisation Identifier						
L Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Organisation Identifier	Organisation Type Identifier				

NHS Organisations:

A Frame:

Example

Independent Provider e.g. 8HA03

- 8 = Organisation Type Identifier
- Remainder of code identifies organisation

Also:

Cancer Registry	e.g. Y0401
Primary Care Group/Local Health Group (now all closed)	e.g. 4AA24

B Frame:

Example

Local Service Provider e.g. LSP01

- LSP = Organisation Type Identifier
- 01 = Organisation Identifier

Also:

Application Service Provider	e.g. YGM01
Education (Deanery)	e.g. YDF01
NHS Support Agencies	e.g. YDD01
Workforce Development Confederation (All closed June 2006)	e.g. LWF03

C Frame:

Example

[School](#) e.g. EE134290

- EE = Organisation Type Identifier
 - Remainder of code identifies organisation
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D Frame:

Example

[Strategic Health Authority](#) e.g. Q30

- Q = Organisation Type Identifier
- 30 = Organisation Identifier

Also:

Care Trust	e.g. TAK
Local Health Board (Wales)	e.g. 7A1
NHS Trust	e.g. RH8
Primary Care Trust	e.g. 5CT
Special Health Authority	e.g. T2A
Welsh Local Health Board (All closed 30 September 2009)	e.g. 6C4

E Frame:

Example

~~Government Office Region (GOR) e.g. K~~ [Government Office Region \(GOR\)](#) e.g. K

- K = Organisation Identifier

~~Note: Organisation Type of GOR is identified by a one character code; no other one character code exists.~~
 Note: ORGANISATION TYPE of Government Office Region (GOR) is identified by a one character code; no other one character code exists.

F Frame:

Example

Pharmacy HQ e.g. P001

- P = Organisation Type Identifier
- 001 = Organisation Identifier

Also:

Care Home Headquarters	e.g. CA0A
Local Authority	e.g. V001
<i>Please Note: The Local Authority codes are not available for general use but must only be used to facilitate Spine Smartcard and Endpoint Registration.</i>	
Optical Headquarters	e.g. T1A1

G Frame:

Example

[GP Practice](#) e.g. Y00001

- Y = Organisation Type Identifier
- 00001 = Practice Identifier

Also:

General Dental Practice	e.g. V20052
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H Frame:

Example

Cancer Network e.g. N01

- N0 (where the 2nd character is numeric and not alpha) = Organisation Type Identifier
- 1 = Organisation Identifier

Also:

Booking Management System (BMS) Call Centre Establishment	e.g. YF1
Government Department	e.g. XDA
Independent Sector Healthcare Provider (where the 2nd character is alpha)	e.g. NT1
IT Cluster (ITC) (All closed in England on 31 March 2007)	e.g. Y41
National Application Service Provider (NASP) (NPFIT)	e.g. YEA
Other Statutory Authority	e.g. X16
Pan SHA	e.g. Y51

I Frame:

Example

Special Health Authority (SpHA) e.g. T1150 [Special Health Authority \(SpHA\)](#) e.g. T1150

- T1 = Organisation Type Identifier
- 150 = Organisation Identifier

J Frame:

Example

Transplant Consortium e.g. Y01T1

- Y01T = Organisation Type Identifier
- 1 = Organisation Identifier

K Frame:

Example

[NHS Wales Informatics Service](#) e.g. W00

- W00 = Organisation Identifier

L Frame:

Example

[Local Commissioning Group \(Northern Ireland\)](#) e.g. ZC010

- Characters 1-3 (ZC0) AND character 5 (0) = Organisation Type Identifier
- Character 4 identifies organisation

Note: this is a 5 character method of displaying [Local Commissioning Group \(Northern Ireland\)](#) identifiers. Characters 3 and 5 are 'fillers'. If a 3 character code is required (as used by the [Office for National Statistics](#) in the [NHS Postcode Directory](#)) zeros can be omitted, e.g. ZC1.

The 3 character method of displaying the [Local Commissioning Group \(Northern Ireland\)](#) identifiers fit under the H Frame.

Guidance on the use of Northern Ireland codes can be found in [Data Set Change Notice 19/2009](#).

The structure and format of [ORGANISATION CODES](#) maintained by the [Organisation Data Service](#), [NHS Prescription Services](#), [NHS Dental Services](#) and other agencies are detailed in the tables below.

ORGANISATION CODES TABLES

Table 1: CODING FORMATS FOR ORGANISATIONS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

[ORGANISATION CODES](#) for England and Wales are published by the [Organisation Data Service](#) and can be found:

- on their website at: <http://nww.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/ods/downloads> for NHS staff only and
- via files issued on the [Technology Reference Data Update Distribution Service \(TRUD\) website](#).

Organisation Type	Frame Type	Character Position								Code allocated by:	Notes/Comments
	See	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		

	Coding Frames Table										
Application Service Provider	B	Y	G	M	A-9	A-9				ODS	e.g. YGM01
Booking Management System (BMS) Call Centre Establishment	H	Y	F	A-9						ODS	e.g. YF1
Cancer Network	H	N	0-9	A-9						ODS	e.g. N01
Cancer Registry	A	Y	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9				ODS	e.g. Y0401
Care Home Headquarters	F	A, C or D	A-9	A-9	A-9					ODS	e.g. CA0A
Care Trust (CT)	D	T	A-Y	A-Y						ODS	e.g. TAK
Directorate of Health and Social Care (DHSC)	N/A All Closed	Y	2	0-9						ODS	DHSCs in England all closed in June 2003 e.g. Y21
Education (Deanery)	B	Y	D	F	A-9	A-9				ODS	e.g. YDF01
Executive Agency	N/A See Note 1	X	0-9	0-9						ODS	e.g. X09
Executive Agency Programme	N/A See Note 1	X	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9			ODS	First three characters denote Executive Agency e.g. X09001
General Dental Practice - England and Wales	G	V	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9			NHS Dental Services	e.g. V20052
Government	H	X	A-Y	A-Y						ODS	e.g. XDA

Department											
Government Office Region (GOR)	E	A-Y								ONS	e.g. K
Government Office Region (GOR)	E	A-Y								ONS	e.g. K Government Office Regions (GORs) closed 31 March 2011 - from 1 April 2011 referred to as Regions
GP Practice - England and Wales	G	A-H, J-N, P, W & Y	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9			NHS Prescription Services	Char 1 = W for Welsh GP Practice . All other values represent English GP Practices From 2003, ALL newly allocated Practice Codes begin with a Y" e.g. Y00001
NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS)	K	W	0	0						ODS	Only one organisation of this type exists for Wales e.g. W00
Independent Provider	A	8	A-Y	A-9	0-9	0-9				ODS - England NHS Wales Informatics Service - Wales	Used for Independent Therapists, Independent Hospices and Charities Char 2: W - Wales. All other values represent England. e.g. 8HA03
Independent Sector Healthcare Provider	H	N	A-Y	A-9						ODS	e.g. NT1
IT Cluster (ITC)	H	Y	4	0-9						ODS	e.g. Y41 All IT Clusters in

											England closed on 31 March 2007
Local Authority (LA)	F	V	A-9	A-9	A-9					ODS	e.g. V001
Local Commissioning Group (Northern Ireland)	L	Z	C	0	0-9	0				Department for Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS), Northern Ireland	e.g.ZC010 Note that characters 3 and 5 are 'fillers' to create a 5 character code. If a 3 character code is required (as used by the Office for National Statistics in the NHS Postcode Directory), zeros can be omitted and fits under the H frame: e.g. ZC1. <i>Guidance on the use of Northern Ireland codes can be found in Data Set Change Notice 19/2009.</i>
Local Health Board (Wales)	B	7	A-9	A-9						ODS	e.g. 7A1
Local Service Provider (LSP)	B	L	S	P	0-9	0-9				ODS	e.g. LSP01
National Application Service Provider (NASP) (NPfIT)	H	Y	E	A-9						ODS	e.g. YEA
NHS Support Agencies (Shared Services and Health Informatics Services)	B	Y	D	D	A-9	A-9				ODS	e.g. YDD01
NHS Trust	D	R	A-9	A-9						ODS	e.g. RH8
Optical Headquarters	F	T	0-9	A-9	A-9					ODS	e.g. T1A1
Other Statutory Authority (OSA)	H	X	0-9	0-9						ODS	e.g. X16

Pan SHA	H See Note 2	Y	5	0-9						ODS	e.g. Y51
Pharmacy HQ	F	P	A-9	A-9	A-9					ODS	e.g. P001
Primary Care Group/ Local Health Group	A	4	A-Y	A-Y	0-9	0-9				ODS	Primary Care Groups in England and Local Health Groups in Wales 2nd char = W for Welsh LHGs. PCGs all closed by March 2002 e.g. 4AA24
Primary Care Trust (PCT)	D	5	A-9	A-9						ODS	e.g. 5CT
School	C	E	E	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9	Department for Education and ODS	e.g. EE134290
Special Health Authority (SpHA)	+	F	0-9	1-9	0-9	0				ODS	e.g. T1150
Special Health Authority (SpHA)	I	T	0-9	1-9	0-9	0				ODS	e.g. T1150
Strategic Health Authority (SHA)	D	Q	A-9	A-9						ODS	Strategic Health Authorities in England e.g. Q30
Transplant Consortium	J	Y, S, W or Z	0-9	0-9	T	0-9				ODS	English Transplant Consortiums are all Closed. England = Y, Scotland = S, Wales = W and N.Ireland = Z e.g. Y01T1

Welsh Local Health Board (WLHB)	D	6	A-Y	0-9							ODS	e.g. 6C4 All Welsh Local Health Boards closed on 30 September 2009. Local Health Boards introduced from 1 October 2009.
Workforce Development Confederation	B	L	W	F	A-9	A-9					ODS	e.g. LWF03 All closed June 2006

Note 1: Codes for Executive Agency, Executive Agency Programme, Executive Agency Site and Executive Agency Programme Department do not easily fit into the coding frames as shown above and are therefore not included. This is due to their unusual structure in that there are more hierarchical 'tiers' than with other organisations.

Executive Agency and Executive Agency Programme are both considered Organisation level entities, although each Programme does have a relationship to an Executive Agency. Executive Agency codes are three characters long. Executive Agency Programme codes are six, and their first three characters are the same as the Executive Agency they are associated to.

Department codes of eight characters long can then be allocated underneath a Programme code (sharing the first six characters). Executive Agency Site codes of five characters long can be allocated under an Executive Agency code (and share the first three characters).

Note 2: The Pan SHAs are made up of confederations of SHAs and as such, are Health Areas, not organisations. However, it has been recognised that these health areas do require codes in order that NHS systems continue to function.

Note: A-9 indicates that characters A-Z and 0-9 are valid: except B, I, O, S, U and Z (to avoid ambiguity).

Table 2: CODING FORMATS FOR ORGANISATIONS IN SCOTLAND

Scottish [ORGANISATION CODES](#) are supplied by the Information Standards Directorate from NHS Scotland and published by the [Organisation Data Service](#):

- on their website at: <http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/ods/downloads/scotdown/> for NHS staff only and
- via files issued on the [Technology Reference Data Update Distribution Service \(TRUD\) website](#).

Organisation Type	Character Position						Code allocated by:	Notes/Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6		
GP Practice - Scotland	S	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	NHS	
Scottish GP Fundholder	S	A-Z	B	0-9	0-9		ISD,	2nd character

							Scotland	identifies the Health Board the GPFH reports to. 3rd character (always B) shows GPFH status.
Scottish Health Agency	S	D	0-9	0-9	0-9		ISD, Scotland	2nd character (D) identifies Scottish Office agencies
Scottish Health Board	S	A-Z	9	9	9		ISD, Scotland	
Scottish Provider	S	A-Z	A,C,D	0-9	0-9		ISD, Scotland	2nd character identifies the Health Board the organisation reports to. 3rd character identifies the organisation type: A = Health Unit C = Hospital Trust D = Nursing Home

Table 3: CODING FORMATS for ORGANISATIONS in OTHER HOME COUNTRIES

[ORGANISATION CODES](#) for Isle of Man Government Departments, Directorates and Sites are published by the [Organisation Data Service](#) and can be found:

- on their website at: <http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/ods/downloads/iomdown> for NHS staff only and
- via files issued on the [Technology Reference Data Update Distribution Service \(TRUD\) website](#).

Organisation Type	Character Position						Code allocated by:	Notes/Comments
	1	2	3	4	5	6		
GP Practice - Alderney	A	L	D	0-9	0-9	0-9	NHS Prescription Services	
GP Practice - Guernsey	G	U	E	0-9	0-9	0-9	NHS Prescription Services	
GP Practice - Isle of Man (IOM)	Y	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	NHS Prescription	

							Services	
GP Practice - Jersey	J	E	R	0-9	0-9	0-9	NHS Prescription Services	
Isle of Man (IOM) Government Department	Y	J	A-9				ODS	Eg. YJM
Primary Healthcare Directorate (Isle of Man)	Y	K	A-9				ODS	Eg. YK1

Note: A-9 indicates that characters A-Z and 0-9 are valid: except B, I, O, S, U and Z (to avoid ambiguity).

ORGANISATION SITE CODE

Change to Attribute: Changed Description

This provides a unique identifier of each site for an [ORGANISATION](#).

Note: Only [ORGANISATION SITE CODES](#) which have been notified to and issued by the [Organisation Data Service](#) may be used.

Notes:

- [Organisation Data Service](#) codes can be downloaded:
 - o from the [Organisation Data Service website](#) for NHS staff only and
 - o via files issued on the [Technology Reference Data Update Distribution Service \(TRUD\) website](#)
- [Organisation Data Service](#) contact details, can be found at [Contact Details](#).

ORGANISATION SITE CODING FRAMES

- All NHS [ORGANISATION SITES](#) are coded using coding frames, as shown in the tables below:

Character Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Format	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n	a/n
A Frame	Organisation Type Identifier			Organisation Identifier		Site or Sub-Division Identifier			
B Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Organisation Identifier		Site or Sub-Division Identifier					

C Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Organisation Identifier	Site or Sub-Division Identifier				
D Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Practice Identifier		Branch Surgery Identifier			
E Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Organisation Identifier	Site or Sub-Division Identifier				
F Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Organisation Identifier					
G Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Organisation Identifier	Site or Sub-Division Identifier				
H Frame	Organisation Type Identifier		Organisation Identifier				
I Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Organisation Identifier					
J Frame	Organisation Type Identifier	Organisation Identifier					

NHS Organisation Sites:

A Frame:

Example

Local Service Provider Site e.g. LSP0101

- LSP = Org Type Identifier
- 01 = Organisation Identifier
- 01 = Site or sub-division

B Frame:

Example

[Strategic Health Authority](#) Site e.g. Q3001

- Q = Organisation Type Identifier

- 30 = Organisation Identifier
- 01 = Site or sub-division

Also:

Primary Care Trust Site	e.g. 5CT49
Care Trust Site	e.g. TAK01
Other Statutory Authority Site	e.g. X1601
NHS Trust Site	e.g. RH802
Government Department Site	e.g. XDA01
Local Health Board (Wales) Site	e.g. 7A101
Welsh Local Health Board Site (all closed 30 September 2009)	e.g. 6C401
Treatment Centre	e.g. 5CG12

C Frame:

Example

Independent Sector Healthcare Provider Site e.g. NT101

- NT = Organisation Site Type Identifier
- 1 = Organisation Identifier
- 01 = equals site or sub-division

Also:

Primary Healthcare Directorate (Isle of Man) Site	e.g. YK101
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D Frame

Example

[GP Practice](#) Branch Surgery: e.g. H81010002

- H (and length of code) = Organisation Identifier
 - 81010 = Organisation Identifier (parent GP Practice)
 - 002 = Branch Surgery Identifier
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E Frame

Example

~~Special Health Authority (SpHA) Site: e.g. T2A001~~ [Special Health Authority \(SpHA\) Site: e.g. T115A](#)

- ~~T2 = Organisation Type Identifier~~
 - ~~A0 = Organisation Identifier~~
 - ~~1 = Site or Sub-Division Identifier~~
 - T1 = Organisation Type Identifier
 - 15 = Organisation Identifier
 - A = Site or Sub-Division Identifier
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F Frame

Example

Dispensary: e.g. FA002

- F = Organisation Type Identifier
 - A002 = Organisation Identifier
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G Frame

Example

[Local Authority](#) Site: e.g. V001AA

- V = Organisation Type Identifier
- 001 = Organisation Identifier
- AA = Site or Sub-Division Identifier

Please Note: The [Local Authority](#) codes are not available for general use but must only be used to facilitate Spine Smartcard and Endpoint Registration.

H Frame

Example

Prison: e.g. YDE01

- YDE = Organisation Type Identifier
 - 01 = Site or Sub-Division Identifier
-

I Frame

Example

[Optical Site](#): e.g. TP01A,

- TP = Organisation Type Identifier
 - 01A = Site or Sub-Division Identifier
-

J Frame

Example

[Care Home](#) Site: e.g. VN01A

- VN = Organisation Type Identifier
 - 01A = Site or Sub-Division Identifier
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The structure and format of [ORGANISATION SITE CODES](#) maintained by the [Organisation Data Service](#), [NHS Prescription Services](#) and other agencies are detailed in the tables below.

NHS ORGANISATION SITE CODES TABLES

Coding Formats

Table 1: CODING FORMATS FOR ORGANISATION SITES IN ENGLAND AND WALES

[ORGANISATION SITE CODES](#) for England and Wales are published by the [Organisation Data Service](#) and can be found:

- on their website at: <http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/ods/downloads> for NHS staff only and
- via files issued on the [Technology Reference Data Update Distribution Service \(TRUD\) website](#).

Organisation Type	Frame Type	Character Position									Code allocated by:	Notes/Comments
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
	See Coding Frames Table	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
Care Home Site	J	V	L, M or N	A-9	A-9	A-9					ODS	e.g. VN01A, VM01A, VL01A
Care Trust Site	B	T	A-Y	A-Y	A-9	A-9					ODS	First three characters denote owning Care Trust e.g. TAK01
Dispensary	F	F	A-Y	A-9	0-9	0-9					NHS Prescription Services	e.g. FA002
Executive Agency Site	N/A See Note	X	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9					ODS	First three characters denote Executive Agency e.g. X0901
Government Department Site	B	X	A-Y	A-Y	0-9	0-9					ODS	First three characters denote Government Department e.g. XDA01
GP Practice Branch Surgery - England and Wales	D	A-H, J-N, P, W & Y	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	ODS	First 6 characters denote parent practice. Char 1 = W for Welsh GP Practice . All other values represent English GP Practices e.g. H81010002

Independent Sector Healthcare Provider Site	C	N	A-Y	A-9	A-9	A-9					ODS	First three characters denote owning Private Healthcare Provider e.g. NT101
Local Authority (LA) Site	G	V	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-Y	A-Y				ODS	First four characters denote LA e.g. V001AA
Local Health Board (Wales) Site	B	7	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9					ODS	First three characters denote owning NHS Trust e.g. 7A101
Local Service Provider (LSP) Site	A	L	S	P	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9			ODS	First five characters denote LSP e.g. LSP0101
NHS Trust Site	B	R	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9					ODS	First three characters denote owning NHS Trust e.g. RH802
Optical Site	I	T	P or Q	0-9	A-9	A-9					ODS	e.g. TP01A, TQ01A
Other Statutory Authority (OSA) Site	B	X	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9					ODS	First three characters denote owning OSA e.g. X1601
Primary Care Trust (PCT) Site	B	5	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9					ODS	First three characters denote owning Primary Care Trust e.g. 5CT49
Prison	H	Y	D	E	A-9	A-9					ODS	e.g. YDE01

Special Health Authority (SpHA) Site	E	T	1	1-9	0-9	A-9						ODS	First three characters denote owning SpHA e.g. T115A
Special Health Authority (SpHA) Site	E	T	0-9	1-9	0-9	A-9						ODS	First three characters denote owning SpHA e.g. T115A
Strategic Health Authority (SHA) Site	B	Q	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9						ODS	First three characters denote owning SHA Trust e.g. Q3001
Treatment Centre	B	5, N or R	A-9	A-9	A-9	A-9						ODS	First three characters denote owning NHS Trust, PCT or Private Healthcare Provider e.g. 5CG12, NT501, RBFTC
Welsh Local Health Board Site	B	6	A-Y	0-9	A-9	A-9						NHS Wales Informatics Service	First three characters denote owning Local Health Board (Wales) e.g. 6C4A1 All Welsh Local Health Board Sites closed on 30 September 2009. Local Health Board Sites introduced from 1 October 2009.

Note: Codes for Executive Agency, Executive Agency Programme, Executive Agency Site and Executive Agency Programme Department do not easily fit into the coding frames as shown above and are therefore not included. This is due to their unusual structure in that there are more hierarchical 'tiers' than with other organisations.

Executive Agency and Executive Agency Programme are both considered Organisation level entities, although each Programme does have a relationship to an Executive Agency. Executive Agency codes are three characters long. Executive Agency Programme codes are six, and their first three characters are the same as the Executive Agency they are associated to.

Department codes of eight characters long can then be allocated underneath a Programme code (sharing the first six characters). Executive Agency Site codes of five characters long can be allocated under an Executive Agency code (and share the first three characters).

Note: A-9 indicates that characters A-Z and 0-9 are valid: except B, I, O, S, U and Z (to avoid ambiguity).

Table 2: CODING FORMATS FOR ORGANISATION SITES IN OTHER HOME COUNTRIES

[ORGANISATION SITE CODES](#) for Isle of Man Government Departments, Directorates and Sites are published by the [Organisation Data Service](#) and can be found:

- on their website at: <http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/ods/downloads/iomdown> for NHS staff only and
- via files issued on the [Technology Reference Data Update Distribution Service \(TRUD\) website](#).

Organisation Type	Character Position					Code allocated by:	Notes/Comments
	1	2	3	4	5		
Primary Healthcare Directorate (Isle of Man) Site	Y	K	A-9	A-9	A-9	ODS	First three characters denote parent IOM Directorate e.g. YK101

Note: A-9 indicates that characters A-Z and 0-9 are valid: except B, I, O, S, U and Z (to avoid ambiguity).

ORGANISATION SITE TYPE

Change to Attribute: Changed Description

A list of [ORGANISATION SITE TYPES](#) according to the nature of the [ORGANISATION SITE](#)

Organisation Site Type Code	Organisation Site Type Name	Description
BS	Branch Surgery	A Branch Surgery is the premises from which a Doctor visits but not their permanent practice base. Visits take place in order to undertake consultation, treatment or services for his or her patients. In order for a premises to become recognised as a Branch Surgery weekly visits should add up to more than a set hours per week.
CH	Care Home Site	
CU	Care Trust Site	
DI	Dispensary	
AE	Executive Agency Site	
GS	Government Department Site	
PP	Independent Sector Healthcare Provider Site	
IS	Primary Healthcare Directorate (Isle of Man)	
ES	Local Authority Site	

LS	Local Health Board (Wales) Site	
LP	Local Service Provider Site	
TS	NHS Trust Site	
OP	Optical Site	
OS	Other Statutory Authority Site	
PU	Primary Care Trust Site	
PN	Prison Health Service	
RS	Regional Office Site	
HS	Strategic Health Authority Site	
SH	Special Health Authority Site	
SH	Special Health Authority Site	
TC	Treatment Centre	
LU	Welsh Local Health Board Site	All Welsh Local Health Board Sites closed on 30 September 2009. Local Health Board Sites introduced from 1 October 2009.

ORGANISATION TYPE

Change to Attribute: Changed Description

A list of [ORGANISATION TYPES](#) of [ORGANISATIONS](#) according to the nature of the [ORGANISATION](#) (e.g. [NHS Trust](#), [Health Authority](#) etc). A list of [ORGANISATION TYPES](#) of [ORGANISATIONS](#) according to the nature of the [ORGANISATION](#) (e.g. [NHS Trust](#) etc).

Organisation Type Code	Organisation Type Name	Description
AR	Application Service Provider	
BM	BMS Call Centre Establishment	Booking Management System (BMS) Call Centre Establishment
CN	Cancer Network	
CR	Cancer Registry	
CQ	Care Home Headquarters	
CT	Care Trust	
DD	Dental Practice	
ED	Education - Deanery	
UN	Education - University	A University involved in Medical Training
EA	Executive Agency	
AP	Executive Agency Programme	
GD	Government Department	
GO	Government Office Region	
GO	Government Office Region (GOR)	Government Office Regions (GORs) closed 31 March 2011 - from 1 April 2011 referred to as Regions
PR	GP Practice	A single GENERAL PRACTITIONER practising otherwise than in a partnership or two or more GENERAL PRACTITIONERS practising in partnership. Includes all Practices in England and Wales.
HA	Health Authority (HA)	A Corporate Body with succession and common seal established by the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill 2002
HA	Health Authority (HA)	Health Authorities in England abolished April 2002. Health Authorities in Wales abolished April 2003.
IP	Independent Provider	
PH	Independent Sector Healthcare Provider	
IM	Isle of Man Government	

	Department	
ID	Primary Healthcare Directorate (Isle of Man)	
EL	Local Authority	
LB	Local Health Board (Wales)	
LO	Local Service Provider (LSP)	
NP	National Application Service Provider(NPFIT Projects)	
NS	NHS Support Agency	
TR	NHS Trust	A legal entity set up by order of the Secretary of State under Section 5 of 'The National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990'. NHS Trusts may act as Health Care Providers and provide hospital services, community services and/or other aspects of PATIENT care, such as PATIENT care and PATIENT transport facilities. They may also act as commissioner when sub contracting PATIENT care to other providers of health care.
NN	Non-NHS ORGANISATION	
OH	Optical Headquarters	A non-NHS premises which provides Ophthalmic Services
OA	Other Statutory Authority (OSA)	An Authority set up within the NHS to provide specific health care related services and support to the NHS
OU	Other Unit (in support of NHS Businesses)	
RO	Pan SHA (Replacement for IT Cluster)	The regional outposts of the Department of Health tasked with performance managing Strategic Health Authorities All IT Clusters in England closed on 31 March 2007. Pan SHAs introduced from 1 April 2007.
PX	Pharmacy Headquarters	
PT	Primary Care Trust	
SA	Special Health Authority (SHA)	
SA	Special Health Authority (SpHA)	
TC	Transport Consortium (TC)	
WA	Welsh Assembly	
WH	Welsh Health Commission	
LH	Welsh Local Health Board	All Welsh Local Health Boards closed on 30 September 2009. Local Health Boards (Wales) introduced from 1 October 2009.
WR	Welsh Regional Office	
WC	Workforce Confederation	

POSTCODE

Change to Attribute: Changed Description

~~The code allocated by the Post Office to identify a group of postal delivery points.~~The code assigned by Royal Mail to identify postal delivery areas across the United Kingdom.

~~A code used primarily for the delivery of correspondence to [ADDRESSES](#).~~ [POSTCODES](#) may also be used to define a [GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#). [POSTCODES](#) may also be used to identify a [GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#).

References:

~~The [e-GIF](#) version approved for use in NHS England is:~~

~~[Government Data Standards Catalogue](#) ([GDSC](#)), Version 2.1, Agreed 1 September 2002.~~

~~Further information can be found on the [Cabinet Office website](#).~~

- The e-GIF version approved for use in NHS England is:
Government Data Standards Catalogue: (GDSC), Version 2.1, Agreed 1 September 2002.
Further information can be found on the Cabinet Office website.

ELECTORAL WARD OF USUAL ADDRESS

Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/length:	an6
HES item:	
Format/Length:	an6
HES Item:	
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

Notes:

The Electoral Ward of the [ADDRESS](#) nominated by the [PATIENT](#) with [ADDRESS ASSOCIATION TYPE](#) 'Main Permanent Residence' or 'Other Permanent Residence'.

The Electoral Ward is derived from the [GEOGRAPHIC AREA CODE](#) of [GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#) where [GEOGRAPHIC AREA TYPE](#) is 'Electoral Ward'. [ADDRESS IN GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#) provides the relationship between [ADDRESS](#) and [GEOGRAPHIC AREA](#).

See [NHS Postcode Directory](#).

[ELECTORAL WARD OF USUAL ADDRESS](#) is the Electoral Ward of the [ADDRESS](#) nominated by the [PATIENT](#) where the [ADDRESS ASSOCIATION TYPE](#) is classification 'Main Permanent Residence' or 'Other Permanent Residence'.

LOWER LAYER SUPER OUTPUT AREA (RESIDENCE)

Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/length:	annnnnnnn
HES item:	SOAL
Format/Length:	annnnnnnn
HES Item:	SOAL
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	Z99999999 - Scotland, Northern Ireland, Channel Islands, Isle of Man X99999998 - Not Applicable (outside the United Kingdom) X99999999 - Not Known

Notes:

The [Lower Layer Super Output Area](#) for where the [PATIENT](#) is resident. This is the [GEOGRAPHIC AREA CODE](#) where the [GEOGRAPHIC AREA TYPE](#) is national code 15 - Lower Layer Super Output Area.

There is a [Lower Layer Super Output Area](#) for each [POSTCODE](#) in England and Wales.

The [Organisation Data Service](#) provide files which link postcodes to the [Lower Layer Super Output Area](#). See the [Organisation Data Service](#) website at [Contact Details](#) or the online distribution service, [Technology Reference Data Update Distribution Service \(TRUD\)](#), for the NHS Postcode Directory Gridlink © Record Specification and data file.

[LOWER LAYER SUPER OUTPUT AREA \(RESIDENCE\)](#) is the Lower Layer Super Output Area for where the [PATIENT](#) is resident.

POSTCODE

Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	max an8
HES Item:	
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

Notes:

[POSTCODE](#) is the same as attribute [POSTCODE](#).

For further information on [POSTCODES](#), see:

- [NHS Postcode Directory](#)
- [Contact Details](#)
- [Office for National Statistics website](#).

If a [POSTCODE](#) is not known (for example, the [PATIENT](#) has no fixed abode, the [PATIENT](#) is an [Overseas Visitor](#) etc) the appropriate [Organisation Data Service](#) pseudo [POSTCODE](#) should be used. The pseudo [POSTCODES](#) can be found on the [Organisation Data Service](#) website at: [Look Ups](#).

The [e-Government Interoperability Framework \(e-GIF\)](#) standard [POSTCODE](#) should be used for all new and developing systems and for XML messages.

References:

The [e-GIF](#) version approved for use in NHS England is:

[Government Data Standards Catalogue](#): ([GDSC](#)), Version 2.1, Agreed 1 September 2002.

Further information can be found on the [Cabinet Office website](#).

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POSTCODE OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	See POSTCODE
HES Item:	
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

Notes:

~~[POSTCODE OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS](#) is a type of [POSTCODE](#).~~ [POSTCODE OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS](#) is the same as data element [POSTCODE](#).

The ~~[POSTCODE](#) associated with the [ADDRESS ASSOCIATION TYPE](#) '*Correspondence (Non-Residence)*' relating to a [REFERRAL REQUEST](#).~~ [POSTCODE OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS](#) is the [POSTCODE](#) of the [ADDRESS](#) nominated by the [PATIENT](#) where the [ADDRESS ASSOCIATION TYPE](#) is '*Correspondence (Non-Residence)*'.

References:

The [e-GIF](#) version approved for use in NHS England is:

[Government Data Standards Catalogue](#): ([GDSC](#)), Version 2.1, Agreed 1 September 2002.

Further information can be found on the [Cabinet Office website](#).

POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS

Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	See POSTCODE
HES Item:	HOMEADD
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

Notes:

~~[POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS](#) is a type of [POSTCODE](#). [POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS](#) is the same as data element [POSTCODE](#).~~

~~The [POSTCODE](#) of the [ADDRESS](#) nominated by the [PATIENT](#) with [ADDRESS ASSOCIATION TYPE](#) 'Main Permanent Residence' or 'Other Permanent Residence'. [POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS](#) is the [POSTCODE](#) of the [ADDRESS](#) nominated by the [PATIENT](#) where the [ADDRESS ASSOCIATION TYPE](#) is 'Main Permanent Residence' or 'Other Permanent Residence'.~~

~~If a [PATIENT](#) has no fixed abode this should be recorded with the appropriate code (ZZ99 3VZ).~~

~~For [PATIENTS](#) who are [Overseas Visitors](#), the [POSTCODES OF USUAL ADDRESS](#) field must show the relevant country pseudo postcode commencing ZZ99 plus space followed by a numeric, then an alpha character, then a Z. For example, ZZ99 6CZ is the pseudo-postcode for India. Pseudo-Country postcodes can be found in the [NHS Postcode Directory](#).~~

~~The 8 characters field allows a space to be inserted to differentiate between the inward and outward segments of the code, enabling full use to be made of Royal Mail postcode functionality. See [NHS Postcode Directory](#) and [Contact Details](#).~~

~~The [e-Government Interoperability Framework](#) ([e-GIF](#)) standard [POSTCODE](#) should be used for all new and developing systems and for XML messages.~~

References:

~~The [e-GIF](#) version approved for use in NHS England is:~~

~~[Government Data Standards Catalogue](#) ([GDSC](#)), Version 2.1, Agreed 1 September 2002.~~

~~Further information can be found on the [Cabinet Office website](#).~~

POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS (AT DIAGNOSIS)

Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	See POSTCODE
HES Item:	
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

Notes:

~~[POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS \(AT DIAGNOSIS\)](#) is a type of [POSTCODE](#).~~

~~[POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS \(AT DIAGNOSIS\)](#) is the same as data element [POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS](#).~~

References:

~~The [e-GIF](#) version approved for use in NHS England is:~~

~~[Government Data Standards Catalogue](#) ([GDSC](#)), Version 2.1, Agreed 1 September 2002.~~

~~Further information can be found on the [Cabinet Office website](#). [POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS \(AT DIAGNOSIS\)](#) is the [POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS](#) of the [PATIENT](#) at the time of [PATIENT DIAGNOSIS](#).~~

POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS (MOTHER)

Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	See POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS
HES Item:	
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

Notes:

[POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS \(MOTHER\)](#) is the same as data element [POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS](#).

References:

The ~~e-GIF~~ version approved for use in NHS England is:

~~[Government Data Standards Catalogue](#) ([GDSC](#)), Version 2.1, Agreed 1 September 2002.~~

~~Further information can be found on the [Cabinet Office website](#).~~ [POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS \(MOTHER\)](#) is the [POSTCODE OF USUAL ADDRESS](#) where it relates to the mother of the [PATIENT](#).

SOCIO-ECONOMIC CLASSIFICATION CODE (STOP SMOKING)

Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/length:	an2
HES item:	
National Codes:	SOCIO-ECONOMIC CLASSIFICATION CODE
Default Codes:	99 - Unknown

Notes:

The [SOCIO-ECONOMIC CLASSIFICATION CODE](#) for the [Stop Smoking Service](#) based on a simplified version of the [Office for National Statistics](#) socio-economic classification. These are derived as:

Permitted National Codes:

- 01 Full time student (The National Statistics [SOCIO-ECONOMIC CLASSIFICATION CODE](#) L15)
- 02 Never worked or unemployed for over one year. If unemployed for less than one year, last known occupation should be used for classification.(The National Statistics [SOCIO-ECONOMIC CLASSIFICATION CODE](#) L14)
- 03 Retired (The National Statistics [SOCIO-ECONOMIC CLASSIFICATION CODE](#) Non-employed)
- 04 Home carer i.e. looking after children, family or home (The National Statistics [SOCIO-ECONOMIC CLASSIFICATION CODE](#) L17)
- 05 Sick or disabled and unable to work (The National Statistics [SOCIO-ECONOMIC CLASSIFICATION CODE](#) L17)
- 06 Managerial/professional. Examples include: accountant, artist, civil/mechanical engineer, medical practitioner, musician, nurse, police officer (sergeant or above), physiotherapist, scientist, social worker, software engineer, solicitor, teacher, welfare officer. Those usually responsible for planning, organising and co-ordinating work for finance. (The National Statistics [SOCIO-ECONOMIC CLASSIFICATION CODE](#) L1-L6)
- 07 Intermediate. Examples include: call centre agent, clerical worker, nursery auxiliary, office clerk, secretary. (The National Statistics [SOCIO-ECONOMIC CLASSIFICATION CODE](#) L7-L9)
- 08 Routine and manual (self employed should not be included in this category). Examples include: electrician, fitter, gardener, inspector, plumber, printer, train driver, tool maker, bar staff, caretaker, catering assistant, cleaner, farm worker, HGV driver, labourer, machine operative, messenger, packer, porter, postal worker, receptionist, sales assistant, security guard, sewing machinist, van driver, waiter/waitress. (The National Statistics [SOCIO-ECONOMIC CLASSIFICATION CODE](#) L10-L13)
- 96 Unable to code (The National Statistics [SOCIO-ECONOMIC CLASSIFICATION CODE](#) L16 - Occupations not stated or inadequately described)

~~Further guidance on coding can be found at [NHS Stop Smoking Services, Services and monitoring guidance - 2007/08](#) and the [Office for National Statistics - The National Statistics Socio-economic Classification \(NS-SEC\)](#).~~ Further guidance on coding can be found at [NHS Stop Smoking Services, Services and monitoring guidance - 2007/08](#) and the [Office for National Statistics - The National Statistics Socio-economic Classification \(NS-SEC\)](#).

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