

Change Request

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Reference: Change Request 1268
Version No: 1.0
Subject: Sexual Orientation Code
Effective Date: Immediate
Reason for Change: Change to Data Standards
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Background:

Following the Implementation of Equality Act 2010, it was identified that a National Code for the NHS Data Model and Dictionary attribute Sexual Orientation Code required updating.

This Data Dictionary Change Notice updates National Code 2 'Homosexual' to National Code 2 'Gay/Lesbian'. The National Codes for Sexual Orientation are aligned with SNOMED-CT.

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:

Attribute Definitions

[SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE](#) Changed Description

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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.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION CODE

Change to Attribute: Changed Description

The [SEXUAL ORIENTATION](#) of a [PATIENT](#).

National Codes:

- 1 Heterosexual
- ~~2 Homosexual~~
- 2** [Gay/Lesbian](#)
- 3 Bi-sexual
- 4 [PERSON](#) asked and does not know or is not sure *
- Z Not Stated ([PERSON](#) asked but declined to provide a response) *

Note: * Code not to be used for the [Genitourinary Medicine Clinic Activity Data Set](#).

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