

## NHS Connecting for Health

### NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service

**Type:** Data Dictionary Change Notice  
**Reference:** 1341  
**Version No:** 1.0  
**Subject:** Discharge Default Code Descriptions  
**Effective Date:** Immediate  
**Reason for Change:** Clarification of text in default codes  
**Publication Date:** 7 November 2012

#### Background:

Queries have been received by the NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service relating to the completion of discharge fields in the Admitted Patient Care Commissioning Data Set, which identified a disparity between the text description for default values in data elements Discharge Destination (Hospital Provider Spell)/Discharge Destination Code (Hospital Provider Spell) and Discharge Method (Hospital Provider Spell)/Discharge Method Code (Hospital Provider Spell).

This Data Dictionary Change Notice aligns the text descriptions for these data elements.

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](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:

##### Data Elements

<a href="#">DISCHARGE DESTINATION (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</a>	Changed Description
<a href="#">DISCHARGE DESTINATION CODE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</a>	Changed Description
<a href="#">DISCHARGE METHOD (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</a>	Changed Description
<a href="#">DISCHARGE METHOD CODE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)</a>	Changed Description

**Date:** 7 November 2012

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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.

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### DISCHARGE DESTINATION (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)

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Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	n2
HES Item:	DISDEST
National Codes:	See <a href="#">DISCHARGE DESTINATION</a>
Default Codes:	<del>98 - Not applicable - hospital provider spell not finished at episode end (i.e. not discharged, or current episode unfinished)</del>
Default Codes:	98 - Not applicable - Hospital Provider Spell not finished at episode end (i.e. not discharged) or current episode unfinished

99 - Not known: a validation error

**Notes:**

[DISCHARGE DESTINATION \(HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL\)](#) is the same as attribute [DISCHARGE DESTINATION](#).

[DISCHARGE DESTINATION \(HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL\)](#) will be replaced with [DISCHARGE DESTINATION CODE \(HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL\)](#), which should be used for all new and developing data sets and for XML messages.

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## DISCHARGE DESTINATION CODE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)

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Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	an2
HES Item:	DISDEST
National Codes:	See <a href="#">DISCHARGE DESTINATION</a>
<del>Default Codes:</del>	<del>98 - Not applicable - <a href="#">Hospital Provider Spell</a> not finished at episode end (i.e. not discharged, or current episode unfinished)</del>
Default Codes:	98 - Not applicable - <a href="#">Hospital Provider Spell</a> not finished at episode end (i.e. not discharged) or current episode unfinished
	99 - Not known: a validation error

**Notes:**

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## DISCHARGE METHOD (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)

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Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	n1
HES Item:	DISMETH
National Codes:	See <a href="#">DISCHARGE METHOD</a>
<del>Default Codes:</del>	<del>8 - Not applicable - <a href="#">Hospital Provider Spell</a> not yet finished (i.e. not discharged)</del>
Default Codes:	8 - Not applicable - <a href="#">Hospital Provider Spell</a> not finished at episode end (i.e. not discharged) or current episode unfinished
	9 - Not known: a validation error

**Notes:**

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## DISCHARGE METHOD CODE (HOSPITAL PROVIDER SPELL)

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Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	an1
HES Item:	DISMETH
National Codes:	See <a href="#">DISCHARGE METHOD</a>
<del>Default Codes:</del>	<del>8 - Not applicable - <a href="#">Hospital Provider Spell</a> not yet finished (i.e. not discharged)</del>
Default Codes:	8 - Not applicable - <a href="#">Hospital Provider Spell</a> not finished at episode end (i.e. not discharged) or current episode unfinished
	9 - Not known: a validation error

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