

Health and Social Care Information Centre

NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service

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Subject: Health and Social Care Information Centre Update
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Background:

The Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) was previously a Special Health Authority.

The Health and Social Care Information Centre was set up as an Executive Non Departmental Public Body (ENDPB) in April 2013. The new responsibilities are set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

This Data Dictionary Change Notice (DDCN) updates the NHS Data Model and Dictionary to reflect this change.

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:

Supporting Information

[HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INFORMATION CENTRE](#) Changed Description
[SPECIAL HEALTH AUTHORITY](#) Changed Description

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HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INFORMATION CENTRE

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

The ~~Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC)~~ is an NHS ~~Special Health Authority~~. The Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) is an ORGANISATION.

The ~~Health and Social Care Information Centre~~ is the national source of NHS, health and social care information. The Health and Social Care Information Centre was set up as an Executive Non Departmental Public Body (ENDPB) in April 2013.

Previously known as ~~The NHS Information Centre for health and social care~~, the ~~Health and Social Care Information Centre~~ have reverted to their statutory name to reflect their broader social care responsibilities. The

Health and Social Care Act 2012 sets out the [Health and Social Care Information Centre's](#) responsibilities, which include:

- Collecting, analysing and presenting national health and social care data
- Setting up and managing national IT systems for transferring, collecting and analysing information
- Publishing a set of rules to set out how the personal confidential information of [PATIENTS](#) should be handled and managed by health and care staff and [ORGANISATIONS](#)
- Building up a library of 'indicators' that can be used to measure the quality of health and care services provided to the public
- Acting to reduce how much paperwork doctors, nurses and care workers have to complete by ensuring that only essential data is collected
- Helping health and care [ORGANISATIONS](#) improve the quality of the data they collect and send to the [Health and Social Care Information Centre](#) by setting standards and guidelines to help them assess how well they are doing
- Creating a register of all the information that the [Health and Social Care Information Centre](#) collect and produce, and publishing that information in a range of different formats so that it will be useful to as many people as possible while safeguarding the personal confidential data of individuals.

The [Health and Social Care Information Centre](#) collects, analyses and presents information for health and social care communities in England. From tackling health inequalities to commissioning with confidence, the [Health and Social Care Information Centre's](#) information ensures decision makers deliver the very best [SERVICES](#) and [PATIENT](#) care. Further information on the [Health and Social Care Information Centre](#) can be found on the [Health and Social Care Information Centre website](#).

The [Health and Social Care Information Centre's](#) information supports commissioners, public health analysts, clinicians and informatics professionals in health and social care, as well as the public.

Further information on the [Health and Social Care Information Centre](#) can be found on the [Health and Social Care Information Centre website](#).

SPECIAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

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, [Health and Social Care Information Centre](#) etc. A [Special Health Authority](#) provides a health service to the whole of England, not just to a local community, for example, the [NHS Business Services Authority](#), [Health Research Authority](#) 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](#).

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