

## Health and Social Care Information Centre

### NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service

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**Subject:** NHS Dental Services Update  
**Effective Date:** Immediate  
**Reason for Change:** Change to definitions  
**Publication Date:** 24 February 2014

#### Background:

This Data Dictionary Change Notice (DDCN) updates the following NHS Data and Model and Dictionary items:

- "NHS Dental Services" NHS Business Definition to reflect the changes in responsibilities that were set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2012
- Organisation Data Service Default Codes:
  - D9999981 - Dentist code not applicable (dentist does not have Dental Practice Board number)
  - D9999998 - Dentist, Dental Practice Board (DPB) number not known

The DPB number is now known as the General Dental Practitioner Code, therefore the default codes have been updated to reflect this.

The Organisation Data Service Default Codes will be updated in the May 2014 Technology Reference Data Update Distribution Service (TRUD) release.

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:

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<a href="#">NHS DENTAL SERVICES</a>	Changed Description
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<a href="#">SPECIAL HEALTH AUTHORITY</a>	Changed Description

##### Attribute Definitions

<a href="#">GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER CODE</a>	Changed Description
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##### Data Elements

<a href="#">CONSULTANT CODE</a>	Changed Description
<a href="#">REFERRER CODE</a>	Changed Description

**Date:** 24 February 2014

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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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## HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INFORMATION CENTRE

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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~~.

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## NHS DENTAL SERVICES

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~~NHS Dental Services~~ (previously known as the NHS Business Services Authority Dental Services Division) is an operating division of the ~~NHS Business Services Authority~~.

The main duties of [NHS Dental Services](#) are: NHS Dental Services pay dentists promptly and accurately. They also provide dental statistics and key information to national, regional and local NHS bodies.

- Support the Secretary of State in the form of the [Department of Health](#) and the Welsh Assembly Government, in determination of dental policy and strategy;
- Produce statistics and key information for national, regional, [Strategic Health Authority](#), [Primary Care Trust](#) and Local Health Board purposes;
- Transferring payments to dentists on behalf of [Primary Care Trusts](#) and Local Health Boards

For further information on [NHS Dental Services](#), see the [NHS Dental Services website](#).

## ORGANISATION DATA SERVICE DEFAULT CODES

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

Default (or pseudo) codes are maintained by the [Organisation Data Service](#).

They may be used to indicate:

- an [ORGANISATION TYPE](#), such as Commissioner Code for Ministry of Defence (MoD) Healthcare;
- that a code value is not known;
- that a code cannot be supplied (e.g. no referring [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER](#) or [GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER](#)).

For further information on how these codes can be obtained, see the [Organisation Data Service](#).

For enquiries, please email the [Organisation Data Service](#) Helpdesk: [exeter.helpdesk@hscic.gov.uk](mailto:exeter.helpdesk@hscic.gov.uk).

Person Default Codes	Code
<del>CONSULTANT: <a href="#">GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL REFERENCE NUMBER</a> not known</del>	C9999998
Dental <del>CONSULTANT: <a href="#">GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL REFERENCE NUMBER</a>/ <a href="#">GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBER</a> not known</del>	CD999998
<del>Dentist code not applicable (dentist does not have Dental Practice Board number)</del>	<del>D9999981</del>
<del>Dentist, Dental Practice Board (DPB) number not known</del>	<del>D9999998</del>
Dentist code not applicable (dentist does not have <a href="#">GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER CODE</a> )	D9999981
<a href="#">GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER CODE</a> not known	D9999998
<a href="#">GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER PPD CODE</a> not known	G9999998
Locum refers	Code of GP for whom locum is acting
<a href="#">MIDWIFE</a>	M9999998
Ministry of Defence Doctor	A9999998
<a href="#">GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER PPD CODE</a> not applicable	G9999981
<a href="#">NURSE</a>	N9999998
Other health care professional	H9999998
<a href="#">Overseas Visitor</a> exempt from charges	TDH00
Private <a href="#">PATIENTS/Overseas Visitor</a> liable for charges	VPP00
<a href="#">REFERRER CODE</a> not applicable, e.g. <a href="#">PATIENT</a> has self-presented or not known	X9999998
Referrer other than <a href="#">GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER</a> , <a href="#">GENERAL DENTAL</a>	R9999981

<a href="#">PRACTITIONER</a> or <a href="#">CONSULTANT</a>	
Organisation Default Codes	Code
Commissioner Code for Ministry of Defence (MoD) Healthcare	XMD00
<a href="#">GP Practice</a> Code not applicable	V81998
<a href="#">GP Practice</a> Code not known	V81999
No Registered <a href="#">GP Practice</a>	V81997
<a href="#">ORGANISATION CODE (CODE OF PROVIDER)</a> - non-NHS UK provider where no <a href="#">ORGANISATION CODE</a> has been issued	89999
<a href="#">ORGANISATION CODE (CODE OF PROVIDER)</a> - non-UK provider where no <a href="#">ORGANISATION CODE</a> has been issued	89997
Primary Care Organisation Not Applicable ( <a href="#">Overseas Visitors</a> ) Note: this code must not be used in the Commissioning Data Set (CDS) header. It is not a default Commissioner code.	X98
High Level Health Geography/Primary Care Organisation of Residence Not Known Note: This code must not be used in the Commissioning Data Set header. It is not a default commissioner code.	Q99
Referring <a href="#">ORGANISATION CODE</a> not applicable	X99998
Referring <a href="#">ORGANISATION CODE</a> not known	X99999
Organisation Site Default Codes	Code
<a href="#">SITE CODE (OF TREATMENT)</a> - not a hospital site (for use on Out-Patient Commissioning Data Set)	R9998
<a href="#">SITE CODE (OF TREATMENT)</a> - non-NHS UK Provider where no <a href="#">ORGANISATION SITE CODE</a> has been issued	89999
<a href="#">SITE CODE (OF TREATMENT)</a> - non-UK Provider where no <a href="#">ORGANISATION SITE CODE</a> has been issued	89997

## 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](#).

## GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER CODE

Change to Attribute: Changed Description

A unique code identifying a [GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER](#).

## General Dental Practitioner Code format

Practitioner Code Type	Character Position								Allocated By	Allocated To	Known As	Notes
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
General Dental Practitioner Code	D	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	NHS Dental Services	GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONERS in England & Wales	GDP	Allocated to GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONERS who work for the NHS

[NHS Dental Services](#) allocates [GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER CODES](#) to [GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONERS](#) carrying out work for the NHS.

A doctor can be both a [GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER](#) and a Dental [CONSULTANT](#), and therefore hold a [GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER CODE](#) and a [CONSULTANT CODE](#) simultaneously.

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## GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER CODE

Change to Attribute: Changed Description

- Changed Description

## CONSULTANT CODE

Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	an8
HES Item:	CONSULT
National Codes:	
<a href="#">ODS Default Codes:</a>	<p>C9999998 - <a href="#">CONSULTANT</a>, <a href="#">GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL REFERENCE NUMBER</a> not known</p> <p>CD999998 - Dental <a href="#">CONSULTANT</a>: <a href="#">GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL REFERENCE NUMBER</a> / <a href="#">GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBER</a> not known</p> <p>D9999998 - Dentist, Dental Practice Board (DPB) number not known</p> <p>D9999998 - Dentist, <a href="#">GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER CODE</a> not known</p> <p>M9999998 - <a href="#">MIDWIFE</a></p> <p>N9999998 - <a href="#">NURSE</a></p> <p>H9999998 - Other health care professional</p>

**Notes:**

[CONSULTANT CODE](#) is the same as attribute [CONSULTANT CODE](#).

All [Midwife Episodes](#) and attendances are identified in the Commissioning Data Sets and [Hospital Episode Statistics](#) by a pseudo [MAIN SPECIALTY CODE](#), 560, see [Main Specialty and Treatment Function Codes Table](#). An [Organisation Data Service Default Code](#) is used in the [CONSULTANT CODE](#) field to show that a [MIDWIFE](#) is the responsible [CARE PROFESSIONAL](#). Note that the [MIDWIFE](#)'s own [Nursing and Midwifery Council](#) code is not used.

All [Nursing Episodes](#) and attendances are identified in the Commissioning Data Sets and [Hospital Episode Statistics](#) by a pseudo [MAIN SPECIALTY CODE](#), 950, see [Main Specialty and Treatment Function Codes Table](#). An [Organisation Data Service Default Code](#) is used in the [CONSULTANT CODE](#) field to show that a [NURSE](#) is the responsible [CARE PROFESSIONAL](#). Note that the [NURSE](#)'s own [Nursing and Midwifery Council](#) code is not used.

**REFERRER CODE**

Change to Data Element: Changed Description

Format/Length:	an8
HES Item:	REFERRER
National Codes:	
<a href="#">ODS Default Codes</a> :	<p>A9999998 - Ministry of Defence Doctor</p> <p>C9999998 - <a href="#">CONSULTANT GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL REFERENCE NUMBER</a> not known</p> <p>CD999998 - Dental <a href="#">CONSULTANT: GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL REFERENCE NUMBER / GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBER</a> not known</p> <p><del>D9999998 - Dentist, Dental Practice Board (DPB) number not known</del></p> <p>D9999998 - Dentist, <a href="#">GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER CODE</a> not known</p> <p>R9999981 - Referrer other than <a href="#">GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER</a>, <a href="#">GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONER</a> or <a href="#">CONSULTANT</a></p> <p>X9999998 - Not applicable, e.g. <a href="#">PATIENT</a> has self-presented or not known</p>

**Notes:**

This requires the code of the [PERSON](#) making the referral. This will normally be a [CARE PROFESSIONAL](#) - a [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER](#) or a [CONSULTANT](#).

The intention is for this item to reflect the actual (true) referrer. For example, following a [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER](#) referral, a [CONSULTANT](#) may subsequently refer the [PATIENT](#) to another [CONSULTANT](#) within the [Hospital Provider Spell](#). The code of the [CONSULTANT](#) making the referral and the [CONSULTANTS ORGANISATION](#) should be recorded in the Commissioning Data Set (CDS) rather than the code of the [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER](#) referrer. This also applies where a [CONSULTANT](#) refers an NHS [PATIENT](#) to another doctor for NHS-commissioned treatment at another [NHS Trust](#), a non-NHS provider, or an overseas provider. Where the [CONSULTANT CODE](#) is not known, the [Organisation Data Service Default Code](#) C9999998 should be used.

In all other cases, the code of the referring [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER](#) should be recorded, if applicable. When a locum refers, use the [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER PPD CODE](#) of the [GENERAL PRACTITIONER](#) for whom the locum is acting.

See [CONSULTANT CODE](#) and [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER \(SPECIFIED\)](#) for the codes available for [CONSULTANTS](#) and [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS](#) and [GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONERS](#).

If the [REFERRER CODE](#) is not known or not applicable e.g., the [PATIENT](#) has self-presented, the [Organisation Data Service Default Code](#) (X9999998) should be used.

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