

**Health and Social Care Information Centre**

**NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service**

**Type:** Data Dictionary Change Notice  
**Reference:** 1522  
**Version No:** 1.0  
**Subject:** Update General Dental Council Registration Number  
**Effective Date:** Immediate  
**Reason for Change:** Update to guidance  
**Publication Date:** 14 September 2015

**Background:**

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

- "GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBER" attribute has been updated to indicate that filling zeros are used between the prefix and GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBER code where required, to maintain total length of eight characters.

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:**

**Attribute Definitions**

[CONSULTANT CODE](#) Changed Description  
[GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBER](#) Changed Description

**Date:** 14 September 2015

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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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**CONSULTANT CODE**

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Change to Attribute: Changed Description

A code uniquely identifying a [CONSULTANT](#).

The [CONSULTANT CODE](#) is derived from either the [GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL REFERENCE NUMBER](#) for [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS](#), or the [GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBER](#) for [GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONERS](#) (where the dentist doesn't have a [GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL REFERENCE NUMBER](#)).

For [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS](#) working as [CONSULTANTS](#), the [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER's GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL REFERENCE NUMBER](#) should be used, see data item note for [GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER \(SPECIFIED\)](#).

For [GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONERS](#) working as a:

- Hospital [CONSULTANT](#), the [GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL REFERENCE NUMBER](#) should be used, prefixed with "C"
- Dental ~~[CONSULTANT](#)~~ and:
  - does not have a ~~[GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL REFERENCE NUMBER](#)~~, the ~~[GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBER](#)~~ should be used, prefixed with "CD" or
  - the ~~[GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL REFERENCE NUMBER](#)~~ or ~~[GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBER](#)~~ is not known, the default code should be used, see ~~[CONSULTANT CODE](#)~~ or ~~[Organisation Data Service Default Codes](#)~~.
- Dental [CONSULTANT](#):
  - Who does not have a [GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL REFERENCE NUMBER](#), the [GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBER](#) should be used, prefixed with "CD".
  - Where the [GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL REFERENCE NUMBER](#) or [GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBER](#) is not known, the default code should be used, see [CONSULTANT CODE](#) or [Organisation Data Service Default Codes](#).

Note: There are some overseas-qualified dentists who are not fully registered with the [General Dental Council](#) but enjoy what is called "Temporary Registration". These dentists are not currently in the scope of the Dental Consultant codes file published by the [Organisation Data Service](#) and will not be included.

### Consultant Code format

Practitioner Code Type	Character Position								Allocated By	Allocated To	Known As	Notes
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
Hospital Consultant	C	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	<a href="#">Health and Social Care Information Centre</a>	Hospital Consultants in England and Wales	Consultant Code	Derived from <a href="#">GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL REFERENCE NUMBER</a> , prefixed with a C
Dental Consultant	C	D	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	<a href="#">Health and Social Care Information Centre</a>	Dental Consultants in England and Wales	Dental Consultant Code	Derived from <a href="#">GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBER</a> , prefixed with CD. Note that <a href="#">GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBERS</a> vary in length. Filling zeros are used between the prefix and <a href="#">GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBER</a> , where required, to maintain total length of 8 characters
Dental Consultant	C	D	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	<a href="#">Health and Social Care Information Centre</a>	Dental Consultants in England and Wales	Dental Consultant Code	Derived from <a href="#">GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBER</a> , prefixed with CD. Note that <a href="#">GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBERS</a> vary in length. Filling zeros are used between the prefix and

											<p><b>GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBER</b>, where required, to maintain total length of 8 characters.</p> <p>For further information, please refer to the <a href="#">Dental Consultants in England (PDF)</a> guidance document issued by the <a href="#">Organisation Data Service</a>.</p>
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For NHS [PATIENTS](#) treated overseas, the commissioner of the overseas treatment is responsible for assuring that the overseas doctor is provided with a [GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL REFERENCE NUMBER](#). In the case of overseas doctors, the default code C9999998 should only be used where no [GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL REFERENCE NUMBER](#) has been assigned.

All [Midwife Episodes](#) are identified in the Admitted Patient Care Commissioning Data Set (CDS) and [Hospital Episode Statistics](#) by a pseudo [MAIN SPECIALTY CODE](#), 560, see [Main Specialty and Treatment Function Codes Table](#). A default code is used in the [CONSULTANT CODE](#) field to show that a [MIDWIFE](#) is the responsible professional. Note that the [MIDWIFE](#)'s own code is not used.

All [Nursing Episodes](#) are identified in the Admitted Patient Commissioning Data Set and [Hospital Episode Statistics](#) by a pseudo [MAIN SPECIALTY CODE](#), 950, see [Main Specialty and Treatment Function Codes Table](#). A default code is used in the [CONSULTANT CODE](#) field to show that a [NURSE](#) is the responsible professional. Note that the [NURSE](#)'s own [Nursing and Midwifery Council](#) code is not used.

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**GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBER**

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Change to Attribute: Changed Description

All [GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONERS](#) and [Dental Care Professionals](#) who practise in the United Kingdom must be registered with the [General Dental Council](#).

This includes, all [Dentists](#), [Dental Nurses](#), [Dental Technicians](#), [Dental Hygienists](#), [Dental Therapists](#), [Clinical Dental Technicians](#) and [Orthodontic Therapists](#)

The [General Dental Council Dentists Register](#) lists all dentists registered with the [General Dental Council](#). *The General Dental Council also maintains the [General Dental Council Dental Care Professionals Register](#) and the [General Dental Council Specialist Lists in Distinctive Branches of Dentistry](#).*

Note: [GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBERS](#) vary in length. Filling zeros are used between the prefix and [GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBER](#), where required, to maintain total length of eight characters.

For [GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONERS](#) working as a dental [CONSULTANT](#) who do not have a [GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL REFERENCE NUMBER](#), the [GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBER](#) should be used to derive the [CONSULTANT CODE](#), prefixed with "CD".

For further information, please refer to the [Dental Consultants in England \(PDF\)](#) guidance document issued by the [Organisation Data Service](#).

**GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBER FORMAT**

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Practitioner Code Type	Character Position								Allocated By	Allocated To	Known As	Notes
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
<a href="#">GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBER</a>	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9	0-9			<a href="#">General Dental Council</a>	<a href="#">GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONERS, Dental Nurses, Dental Technicians, Dental Hygienists, Dental Therapists, Clinical Dental Technicians, Orthodontic Therapists</a>	<a href="#">GDC</a>	The <a href="#">General Dental Council</a> is a <a href="#">Regulatory Body</a> - all <a href="#">GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONERS</a> and <a href="#">Dental Care Professionals</a> who practise in the United Kingdom must be registered with the <a href="#">General Dental Council</a>

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