

NHS Data Model and Dictionary



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Background:

The contract covering UNIFY2 is due to expire at the end of March 2018.

The technical solution is in place for the transition of data collections from Unify2 to the Strategic Data Collection Service (SDCS).

This Data Dictionary Change Notice (DDCN):

- Adds the NHS Business Definitions for:
 - Strategic Data Collection Service (SDCS) and
 - Data Services Platform (DSP)
- Updates the Unify2 NHS Business Definition to indicate it will no longer be in use from April 2018
- Links the existing reference to the "Strategic Data Collection Service" on the Stop Smoking Services Quarterly Data Set Overview.

Note: Data Sets that reference Unify2 will be updated when they are progressed through the Data Coordination Board (DCB).

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.

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DATA SERVICES PLATFORM

Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

The [Data Services Platform](#) (DSP) is a secure, highly-scalable system that transforms the way data is used to improve health and care.

The [Data Services Platform](#) enables more efficient data collection, processing and distribution and delivers a clearer picture of health and care by providing more timely access to better linked, anonymised data.

For further information on the [Data Services Platform](#), see the [NHS Digital](#) website at: [Data Services Platform](#).

This supporting information is also known by these names:

| Context | Alias |
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| shortname | DSP |

STOP SMOKING SERVICE QUARTERLY DATA SET OVERVIEW

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

The [Stop Smoking Services Quarterly Data Set](#) is used to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness and coverage of [Stop Smoking Services](#). It is designed to provide consistent information on people who have sought and received quitting help from an evidence-based service.

Collection and Submission

The [Stop Smoking Services Quarterly Data Set](#) is required by [Public Health England](#) and is collected from [Local Authorities](#).

The [Stop Smoking Services Quarterly Data Set](#) relates to [ACTIVITY](#) taking place over a 3 month period and should be submitted by the thirty second working day after the end of the quarter to which it relates.

The [Stop Smoking Services Quarterly Data Set](#) is transmitted at aggregate level to the [NHS Digital Strategic Data Collection Service](#) available at [NHS Stop Smoking Services](#). The [Stop Smoking Services Quarterly Data Set](#) is transmitted at aggregate level to the [NHS Digital Strategic Data Collection Service \(SDCS\)](#) available at [NHS Stop Smoking Services](#).

Further guidance

Further information on the NHS [Stop Smoking Services](#) and the monitoring guidance can be found on the [National Centre for Smoking Cessation and Training](#) website at [Local Stop Smoking Services: Service and Delivery Guidance 2014](#).

STRATEGIC DATA COLLECTION SERVICE

Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

The [Strategic Data Collection Service \(SDCS\)](#) is a secure data collection system which accepts uploads of submissions in a variety of formats. The system is under constant review and enables [NHS Digital](#) to customise bespoke data collections.

For further information on the [Strategic Data Collection Service](#), see the [NHS Digital website](#) at:

- [Strategic Data Collection Service \(SDCS\)](#)
- [Welcome to the Strategic Data Collection Service \(SDCS\): Sign in.](#)

This supporting information is also known by these names:

| Context | Alias |
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| shortname | SDCS |

UNIFY2

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

The contract for [Unify2](#) expires on 31 March 2018 and all collections will be migrated to the [Strategic Data Collection Service \(SDCS\)](#).

[Unify2](#) is an online collection system used for collating, sharing and reporting NHS and social care data.

Note: access to [Unify2](#) requires a [Unify2](#) account and password.

For further information on [Unify2](#), see the:

- [Unify2 homepage](#)
- [Request a new User Account page](#)
- [Unify2 Contact Us page](#)
- [NHS England](#) website at: [Statistical User Engagement Statement](#).

For enquiries about this Change Request, please email information.standards@nhs.net

