

**Type:** Data Dictionary Change Notice  
**Reference:** 1725  
**Version No:** 1.0  
**Subject:** Retirement of Quarterly Monitoring Cancelled Operations Data Set (QMCO)  
**Effective Date:** Immediate  
**Reason for Change:** Retirement of out of date content  
**Publication Date:** 30 April 2019

## Background:

As part of the ongoing work to implement a new version of the NHS Data Model and Dictionary, a review of legacy and out of date data sets contained within the NHS Data Model and Dictionary has been carried out.

A number of data sets are out of date and have been identified for retirement from the NHS Data Model and Dictionary. Note that the relevant Data Set Change Notices (DSCNs) have been reviewed and withdrawn where appropriate. This Data Dictionary Change Notice (DDCN) retires the Quarterly Monitoring Cancelled Operations Data Set (QMCO).

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: [https://www.datadictionary.nhs.uk/Flash\\_Files/changerequest.htm](https://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 Set

[QUARTERLY MONITORING CANCELLED OPERATIONS DATA SET \(QMCO\) \(RETIRED\)](#) renamed from [QUARTERLY MONITORING CANCELLED OPERATIONS DATA SET \(QMCO\)](#) Changed status to Retired, Description, Name

### Supporting Information

[CENTRAL RETURN DATA SETS MENU](#)

Changed Description

[QUARTERLY MONITORING CANCELLED OPERATIONS DATA SET \(QMCO\) OVERVIEW \(RETIRED\)](#) renamed from [QUARTERLY MONITORING CANCELLED OPERATIONS DATA SET \(QMCO\) OVERVIEW](#)

Changed status to Retired, Description, Name

### Class Definitions

[OFFER OF ADMISSION](#)

Changed Attributes

[OPERATING THEATRE](#)

Changed Attributes

### Attribute Definitions

[OPERATING THEATRE DEDICATED TO DAY CASES \(RETIRED\)](#) renamed from [OPERATING THEATRE DEDICATED TO DAY CASES](#)

Changed status to Retired, Description, Name

[OPERATION CANCELLATION \(RETIRED\)](#) renamed from [OPERATION CANCELLATION](#)

Changed status to Retired, Description, Name

### Data Elements

[FAILURE TO TREAT WITHIN 28 DAYS TOTAL \(RETIRED\)](#) renamed from [FAILURE TO TREAT WITHIN 28 DAYS TOTAL](#)

Changed status to Retired, Description, Name

[LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS FOR NON CLINICAL REASONS TOTAL \(RETIRED\)](#) renamed from [LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS FOR NON CLINICAL REASONS TOTAL](#)

Changed status to Retired, Description, Name

[OPERATING THEATRES DEDICATED TO DAY CASES TOTAL \(RETIRED\)](#) renamed from [OPERATING THEATRES DEDICATED TO DAY CASES TOTAL](#)

Changed status to Retired, Description, Name

[OPERATING THEATRE TOTAL \(RETIRED\)](#) renamed from [OPERATING THEATRE TOTAL](#)

Changed status to Retired, Description, Name

**Date:** 30 April 2019

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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.

**QUARTERLY MONITORING CANCELLED OPERATIONS DATA SET (QMCO) (RETIRED)** renamed from **QUARTERLY MONITORING CANCELLED OPERATIONS DATA SET (QMCO)**

Change to Data Set: Changed status to Retired, Description, Name

~~This data set is out of date therefore the information should not be used.~~ This item has been retired from the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.

For further information, see the [NHS England website](#) at: [Cancelled Elective Operations](#).

The last live version of this item is available in the ?????? release of the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.

[Quarterly Monitoring Cancelled Operations Data Set \(QMCO\) Overview](#) Access to this version can be obtained by emailing [information.standards@nhs.net](mailto:information.standards@nhs.net) with "NHS Data Model and Dictionary - Archive Request" in the email subject line.

Data-Set-Data-Elements
<del>Providing-Organisation: To carry the details of the organisation providing Theatre Services. One occurrence of this group is permitted.</del>
<del><a href="#">ORGANISATION CODE (CODE OF PROVIDER)</a></del>
<del><a href="#">REPORTING PERIOD START DATE</a></del>
<del><a href="#">REPORTING PERIOD END DATE</a></del>
<del>Cancelled-Operations To carry details on theatres and cancelled operations. One occurrence of this group is permitted.</del>
<del><a href="#">OPERATING THEATRE TOTAL</a></del>
<del><a href="#">OPERATING THEATRES DEDICATED TO DAY CASES TOTAL</a></del>
<del><a href="#">LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS FOR NON CLINICAL REASONS TOTAL</a></del>
<del><a href="#">FAILURE TO TREAT WITHIN 28 DAYS TOTAL</a></del>

**QUARTERLY MONITORING CANCELLED OPERATIONS DATA SET (QMCO) (RETIRED)** renamed from **QUARTERLY MONITORING CANCELLED OPERATIONS DATA SET (QMCO)**

Change to Data Set: Changed status to Retired, Description, Name

- Retired Quarterly Monitoring Cancelled Operations Data Set (QMCO)
- Changed Description
- Changed Name from Data\_Dictionary.Messages.Central\_Return\_Data\_Sets.Data\_Sets.Quarterly\_Monitoring\_Cancelled\_Operations\_Data\_Set\_(QMCO) to Retired.Data\_Dictionary.Messages.Central\_Returns\_Data\_Sets.Quarterly\_Monitoring\_Cancelled\_Operations\_Data\_Set\_(QMCO)

**CENTRAL RETURN DATA SETS MENU**

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

- [Breast Screening \(KC62\)](#)
- [Breast Screening \(KC63\)](#)
- [Cover of Vaccination Evaluated Rapidly \(COVER\)](#)
- [Diagnostics Waiting Times and Activity](#)
- [Diagnostics Waiting Times Census](#)
- [Emergency Care Weekly Situation Report](#)
- [Mixed Sex Accommodation](#)
- [National Direct Access Audiology Waiting Times](#)
- [NHS Continuing Healthcare](#)
- [Quarterly Bed Availability and Occupancy \(KH03\)](#)
- [Quarterly Monitoring Cancelled Operations](#)
- [Referral to Treatment](#)
- [Stop Smoking Services Quarterly](#)
- [Venous Thromboembolism Risk Assessment](#)

**QUARTERLY MONITORING CANCELLED OPERATIONS DATA SET (QMCO) OVERVIEW (RETIRED)** renamed from **QUARTERLY MONITORING CANCELLED OPERATIONS DATA SET (QMCO) OVERVIEW**

Change to Supporting Information: Changed status to Retired, Description, Name

~~This data set is out of date therefore the information should not be used.~~ This item has been retired from the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.

For further information, see the [NHS England website](#) at: [Cancelled Elective Operations](#).

The [Quarterly Monitoring Cancelled Operations Data Set \(QMCO\)](#) provides essential information for monitoring key targets and standards in the Cancelled Operations Guarantee. ~~The last live version of this item is available in the ?????? release of the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.~~

The [Department of Health and Social Care](#) requires information on services provided by [Health Care Providers](#) of Theatre services and this information is collected by the [Department of Health and Social Care](#) via the [Quarterly Monitoring Cancelled Operations Data Set \(QMCO\)](#). Access to this version can be obtained by emailing [information.standards@nhs.net](mailto:information.standards@nhs.net) with "NHS Data Model and Dictionary - Archive Request" in the email subject line.

## Reporting

The [Quarterly Monitoring Cancelled Operations Data Set \(QMCO\)](#) is a quarterly return with the first quarter starting on 1 April and the last quarter ending on 31 March.

Any [ACTIVITY](#) where the outcome is not yet known should be reported in the following quarter. That is any [ACTIVITY](#) where it not known the outcome of subsequent [OFFERS OF ADMISSION](#) within the 28 day limit.

Data sets must be submitted by 15 working days after the end of the quarter.

The [Quarterly Monitoring Cancelled Operations Data Set \(QMCO\)](#) is a provider based return.

The data is entered via [Unify2](#). NHS providers enter their data onto [Unify2](#) either directly or by uploading a spreadsheet.

## [Quarterly Monitoring Cancelled Operations Data Set \(QMCO\)](#)

The [Quarterly Monitoring Cancelled Operations Data Set \(QMCO\)](#) requires the following for each [ORGANISATION CODE \(CODE OF PROVIDER\)](#), [REPORTING PERIOD START DATE](#) and the [REPORTING PERIOD END DATE](#):

- Number of [OPERATING THEATRES](#).
- Number of [OPERATING THEATRES](#) that are dedicated to day cases.
- Number of last minute cancellations for non clinical reasons ([LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS FOR NON CLINICAL REASONS TOTAL](#)).
- Number of breaches of the standard for Cancelled Operations Guarantee ([FAILURE TO TREAT WITHIN 28 DAYS TOTAL](#)).

Cancellation at 'the last minute' or 'short notice' means on or after the day that the [PATIENT](#) was due to arrive in hospital.

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## QUARTERLY MONITORING CANCELLED OPERATIONS DATA SET (QMCO) OVERVIEW (RETIRED)\_ renamed from QUARTERLY MONITORING CANCELLED OPERATIONS DATA SET (QMCO) OVERVIEW

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Change to Supporting Information: Changed status to Retired, Description, Name

- Retired Quarterly Monitoring Cancelled Operations Data Set (QMCO) Overview
- Changed Description
- Changed Name from Data\_Dictionary.Messages.Central\_Return\_Data\_Sets.Overviews.Quarterly\_Monitoring\_Cancelled\_Operations\_Data\_Set\_(QMCO)\_Overview to Retired.Data\_Dictionary.Messages.Central>Returns\_Data\_Sets.Quarterly\_Monitoring\_Cancelled\_Operations\_Data\_Set\_(QMCO)\_Overview

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## OFFER OF ADMISSION

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Change to Class: Changed Attributes

Attributes of this Class are:

- K OFFERED FOR ADMISSION DATE
- K OFFER OF ADMISSION MADE DATE
- K OFFER OF ADMISSION MADE TIME

ADMISSION OFFER OUTCOME  
OFFER OF ADMISSION ACCEPTED DATE  
~~OPERATION CANCELLATION~~  
REASONABLE OFFER INDICATOR

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#### OPERATING THEATRE

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Change to Class: Changed Attributes

Attributes of this Class are:

K OPERATING THEATRE CODE  
~~OPERATING THEATRE DEDICATED TO DAY CASES~~

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#### OPERATING THEATRE DEDICATED TO DAY CASES (RETIRED), renamed from OPERATING THEATRE DEDICATED TO DAY CASES

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Change to Attribute: Changed status to Retired, Description, Name

~~An indication of whether an [OPERATING THEATRE](#) is dedicated to day case surgery.~~ **This item has been retired from the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.**

~~National Codes:~~ **The last live version of this item is available in the ?????? release of the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.**

- 1 Dedicated to day cases
- 2 Not dedicated to day cases

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#### OPERATING THEATRE DEDICATED TO DAY CASES (RETIRED), renamed from OPERATING THEATRE DEDICATED TO DAY CASES

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Change to Attribute: Changed status to Retired, Description, Name

- Retired OPERATING THEATRE DEDICATED TO DAY CASES
- Changed Description
- Changed Name from Data\_Dictionary.Attributes.O.OPERATING\_THEATRE\_DEDICATED\_TO\_DAY\_CASES to Retired.Data\_Dictionary.Attributes.O.OPERATING\_THEATRE\_DEDICATED\_TO\_DAY\_CASES

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#### OPERATION CANCELLATION (RETIRED), renamed from OPERATION CANCELLATION

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Change to Attribute: Changed status to Retired, Description, Name

~~An indicator of whether the operation that the [PATIENT](#) is being admitted for, was cancelled for non-clinical reasons on or after the day that the [PATIENT](#) was due to arrive in hospital (cancelled at the 'last minute' or 'at short notice'). This includes telephone cancellations made to [PATIENTS](#) on the day of their operation or day of admission.~~ **This item has been retired from the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.**

~~An operation which is rescheduled to a time within 24 hours of the original scheduled operation should be recorded as a postponement and not as a cancellation. Some common non-clinical reasons for cancellations by the hospital include:~~ **The last live version of this item is available in the ?????? release of the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.**

- [Hospital Beds](#) unavailable;
- ~~surgeon~~ unavailable;
- ~~emergency case~~ needing theatre;
- ~~theatre list over ran~~;
- ~~equipment~~ failure;
- ~~administrative~~ error;
- ~~anaesthetist~~ unavailable;
- ~~theatre staff~~ unavailable and critical care [Hospital Bed](#) unavailable

~~These examples are based on information from the Modernisation Agency's Theatres Project and do not necessarily cover all non-clinical reasons.~~ **Access to this version can be obtained by emailing [information.standards@nhs.net](mailto:information.standards@nhs.net) with "NHS Data Model and Dictionary - Archive Request" in the email subject line.**

~~National Codes:~~

- 1 Operation cancelled for non-clinical reasons on the day of surgery
- 2 Operation cancelled at short notice for non-clinical reasons although not on the day of surgery
- 8 Not applicable—Operation cancelled for clinical reasons or not cancelled

**OPERATION CANCELLATION (RETIRED)\_ renamed from OPERATION CANCELLATION**

Change to Attribute: Changed status to Retired, Description, Name

- Retired OPERATION CANCELLATION
- Changed Description
- Changed Name from Data\_Dictionary.Attributes.O.OPERATION\_CANCELLATION to Retired.Data\_Dictionary.Attributes.O.OPERATION\_CANCELLATION

**FAILURE TO TREAT WITHIN 28 DAYS TOTAL (RETIRED)\_ renamed from FAILURE TO TREAT WITHIN 28 DAYS TOTAL**

Change to Data Element: Changed status to Retired, Description, Name

Format/Length:	n6
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

**Notes:**

The total number of cancelled operations where the national standard (treatment within 28 days following an operation cancellation by the hospital) has been breached.

The total number of [OFFERS OF ADMISSION](#) with an [OPERATION CANCELLATION](#) National Code 1 'Operation cancelled for non-clinical reasons on the day of surgery' or National Code 2 'Operation cancelled at short notice for non-clinical reasons although not on the day of surgery', where, for the [ELECTIVE ADMISSION LIST ENTRY](#), there was either: **This item has been retired from the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.**

no subsequent [OFFER OF ADMISSION](#) with an [OFFERED FOR ADMISSION DATE](#) (to come in date) within 28 days of the original [OFFER OF ADMISSION](#). **The last live version of this item is available in the ?????? release of the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.**

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there was a subsequent [OFFER OF ADMISSION](#) with an [OFFERED FOR ADMISSION DATE](#) (to come in date) within 28 days of the original [OFFER OF ADMISSION](#) but one which resulted in another [OPERATION CANCELLATION](#) National Code 1 'Operation cancelled for non-clinical reasons on the day of surgery' or National Code 2 'Operation cancelled at short notice for non-clinical reasons although not on the day of surgery' or an the [ADMISSION OFFER OUTCOME](#) of National Code 6 Admission cancelled by hospital before day offered for admission.

**FAILURE TO TREAT WITHIN 28 DAYS TOTAL (RETIRED)\_ renamed from FAILURE TO TREAT WITHIN 28 DAYS TOTAL**

Change to Data Element: Changed status to Retired, Description, Name

- Retired FAILURE TO TREAT WITHIN 28 DAYS TOTAL
- Changed Description
- Changed Name from Data\_Dictionary.Data\_Field\_Notes.F.FAILURE\_TO\_TREAT\_WITHIN\_28\_DAYS\_TOTAL to Retired.Data\_Dictionary.Data\_Field\_Notes.F.FAILURE\_TO\_TREAT\_WITHIN\_28\_DAYS\_TOTAL

**LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS FOR NON CLINICAL REASONS TOTAL (RETIRED)\_ renamed from LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS FOR NON CLINICAL REASONS TOTAL**

Change to Data Element: Changed status to Retired, Description, Name

Format/Length:	n6
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

**Notes:**

The total number of [OFFERS OF ADMISSION](#) where the indicator [OPERATION CANCELLATION](#) is National Code 1 'Operation

~~cancelled for non-clinical reasons on the day of surgery' or National Code 2 'Operation cancelled at short notice for non-clinical reasons although not on the day of surgery'. This item has been retired from the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.~~

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LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS FOR NON CLINICAL REASONS TOTAL (RETIRED)\_ renamed from LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS FOR NON CLINICAL REASONS TOTAL

Change to Data Element: Changed status to Retired, Description, Name

- Retired LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS FOR NON CLINICAL REASONS TOTAL
- Changed Description
- Changed Name from Data\_Dictionary.Data\_Field\_Notes.L.LAST\_MINUTE\_CANCELLATIONS\_FOR\_NON\_CLINICAL\_REASONS\_TOTAL to Retired.Data\_Dictionary.Data\_Field\_Notes.L.LAST\_MINUTE\_CANCELLATIONS\_FOR\_NON\_CLINICAL\_REASONS\_TOTAL

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OPERATING THEATRES DEDICATED TO DAY CASES TOTAL (RETIRED)\_ renamed from OPERATING THEATRES DEDICATED TO DAY CASES TOTAL

Change to Data Element: Changed status to Retired, Description, Name

Format/Length:	n3
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

**Notes:**

~~[OPERATING THEATRES DEDICATED TO DAY CASES TOTAL](#) is the total number of [OPERATING THEATRES](#) where the [OPERATING THEATRE DEDICATED TO DAY CASES](#) is National Code 'Dedicated to day cases'. This item has been retired from the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.~~

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OPERATING THEATRES DEDICATED TO DAY CASES TOTAL (RETIRED)\_ renamed from OPERATING THEATRES DEDICATED TO DAY CASES TOTAL

Change to Data Element: Changed status to Retired, Description, Name

- Retired OPERATING THEATRES DEDICATED TO DAY CASES TOTAL
- Changed Description
- Changed Name from Data\_Dictionary.Data\_Field\_Notes.O.Oc.OPERATING\_THEATRES\_DEDICATED\_TO\_DAY\_CASES\_TOTAL to Retired.Data\_Dictionary.Data\_Field\_Notes.O.OPERATING\_THEATRES\_DEDICATED\_TO\_DAY\_CASES\_TOTAL

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OPERATING THEATRE TOTAL (RETIRED)\_ renamed from OPERATING THEATRE TOTAL

Change to Data Element: Changed status to Retired, Description, Name

Format/Length:	n3
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

**Notes:**

~~[OPERATING THEATRE TOTAL](#) is the total number of [OPERATING THEATRES](#). This item has been retired from the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.~~

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**OPERATING THEATRE TOTAL (RETIRED)\_ renamed from OPERATING THEATRE TOTAL**

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Change to Data Element: Changed status to Retired, Description, Name

- Retired OPERATING THEATRE TOTAL
  - Changed Description
  - Changed Name from Data\_Dictionary.Data\_Field\_Notes.O.Oc.OPERATING\_THEATRE\_TOTAL to Retired.Data\_Dictionary.Data\_Field\_Notes.O.OPERATING\_THEATRE\_TOTAL
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