

**Type:** Data Dictionary Change Notice  
**Reference:** 1729  
**Version No:** 1.0  
**Subject:** Retirement of Diagnostics Waiting Times Census Data Set  
**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**Reason for Change:** Retirement of out of date content  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As part of the ongoing work to implement a new version of the NHS Data Model and Dictionary, a review of legacy and out of date data sets contained within the NHS Data Model and Dictionary has been carried out.

A number of data sets are out of date and have been identified for retirement from the NHS Data Model and Dictionary. Note that the relevant Data Set Change Notices (DSCNs) have been reviewed and withdrawn where appropriate.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 Diagnostics Waiting Times Census Data Set.

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

[DIAGNOSTICS WAITING TIMES CENSUS DATA SET \(RETIRED\)](#) renamed from [DIAGNOSTICS WAITING TIMES CENSUS DATA SET](#) Changed Name, status to Retired, Description

### Supporting Information

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[DIAGNOSTICS WAITING TIMES CENSUS DATA SET OVERVIEW \(RETIRED\)](#) renamed from [DIAGNOSTICS WAITING TIMES CENSUS DATA SET OVERVIEW](#) Changed Name, status to Retired, Description

### Data Elements

[DIAGNOSTICS REPORTING TIME BAND \(RETIRED\)](#) renamed from [DIAGNOSTICS REPORTING TIME BAND](#) Changed Name, status to Retired, Description

[DIAGNOSTIC TEST \(ENDOSCOPY CENSUS\) \(RETIRED\)](#) renamed from [DIAGNOSTIC TEST \(ENDOSCOPY CENSUS\)](#) Changed Name, status to Retired, Description

[DIAGNOSTIC TEST \(IMAGING CENSUS\) \(RETIRED\)](#) renamed from [DIAGNOSTIC TEST \(IMAGING CENSUS\)](#) Changed Name, status to Retired, Description

[DIAGNOSTIC TEST \(PATHOLOGY CENSUS\) \(RETIRED\)](#) renamed from [DIAGNOSTIC TEST \(PATHOLOGY CENSUS\)](#) Changed Name, status to Retired, Description

[DIAGNOSTIC TEST \(PHYSIOLOGICAL MEASUREMENT CENSUS\) \(RETIRED\)](#) renamed from [DIAGNOSTIC TEST \(PHYSIOLOGICAL MEASUREMENT CENSUS\)](#) Changed Name, status to Retired, Description

[PATIENTS WAITING FOR DIAGNOSTIC TEST \(RETIRED\)](#) renamed from [PATIENTS WAITING FOR DIAGNOSTIC TEST](#) Changed Name, status to Retired, Description

**Date:** 30 April 2019

**Sponsor:** Nicholas Oughtibridge, Head of Clinical Data Architecture, NHS Digital

**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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[DIAGNOSTICS WAITING TIMES CENSUS DATA SET \(RETIRED\)](#) renamed from [DIAGNOSTICS WAITING TIMES CENSUS DATA SET](#)

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

~~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: [Quarterly Diagnostic Waiting Times](#).

[Diagnostics Waiting Times Census Data Set Overview](#) The last live version of this item is available in the ?????? release of the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.

The column headed Opt (Optionality) shows whether the data element is Mandatory M or Optional O. 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.

- M – Mandatory: this data element is mandatory and the technical process (e.g. submission of the data set, production of output etc) cannot be completed without this data element being present
- O – Optional: the inclusion of this data element is optional as required for local purposes.

Opt	Data-Set-Data-Elements
<b>Organisation and Reporting Period</b>	
M	<a href="#">ORGANISATION CODE (CODE OF COMMISSIONER)</a>
M	<a href="#">ORGANISATION CODE (CODE OF PROVIDER)</a>
M	<a href="#">REPORTING PERIOD START DATE</a>
M	<a href="#">REPORTING PERIOD END DATE</a>
<b>Patients Still Waiting – at census</b> Endoscopy Multiple occurrences of this group are permitted.	
M	<a href="#">DIAGNOSTIC TEST (ENDOSCOPY CENSUS)</a>
M	<a href="#">DIAGNOSTICS REPORTING TIME BAND</a>
M	<a href="#">PATIENTS WAITING FOR DIAGNOSTIC TEST</a>
<b>Patients still waiting – at census.</b> Imaging Multiple occurrences of this group are permitted.	
M	<a href="#">DIAGNOSTIC TEST (IMAGING CENSUS)</a>
M	<a href="#">DIAGNOSTICS REPORTING TIME BAND</a>
M	<a href="#">PATIENTS WAITING FOR DIAGNOSTIC TEST</a>
<b>Patients still waiting – at census.</b> Pathology Multiple occurrences of this group are permitted.	
M	<a href="#">DIAGNOSTIC TEST (PATHOLOGY CENSUS)</a>
M	<a href="#">DIAGNOSTICS REPORTING TIME BAND</a>
M	<a href="#">PATIENTS WAITING FOR DIAGNOSTIC TEST</a>
<b>Patients still waiting – at census.</b> Physiological Measurement Multiple occurrences of this group are permitted.	
M	<a href="#">DIAGNOSTIC TEST (PHYSIOLOGICAL MEASUREMENT CENSUS)</a>
M	<a href="#">DIAGNOSTICS REPORTING TIME BAND</a>
M	<a href="#">PATIENTS WAITING FOR DIAGNOSTIC TEST</a>

**DIAGNOSTICS WAITING TIMES CENSUS DATA SET (RETIRED)** renamed from **DIAGNOSTICS WAITING TIMES CENSUS DATA SET**

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

- Changed Name from Data\_Dictionary.Messages.Central\_Return\_Data\_Sets.Data\_Sets.Diagnostics\_Waiting\_Times\_Census\_Data\_Set to Retired.Data\_Dictionary.Messages.Central\_Returns\_Data\_Sets.Diagnostics\_Waiting\_Times\_Census\_Data\_Set
- Retired Diagnostics Waiting Times Census Data Set
- Changed Description

**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](#)

**DIAGNOSTICS WAITING TIMES CENSUS DATA SET OVERVIEW (RETIRED)\_ renamed from DIAGNOSTICS WAITING TIMES CENSUS DATA SET OVERVIEW**

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

**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: [Quarterly Diagnostic Waiting Times](#).

The Diagnostic Census of the waiting times for [DIAGNOSTIC TEST REQUESTS](#). The last live version of this item is available in the [??????](#) release of the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.

The [Diagnostics Waiting Times Census Data Set](#) provides definitions to support the national data collections on diagnostic tests, a key element towards monitoring waits from referral to treatment. This is a census of diagnostic test waiting times. 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.

The diagnostic investigations are grouped into categories of Endoscopy, Imaging, Pathology and Physiological Measurement.

The distinctions between these groups are not absolute and some procedures could be collected under more than one of the clinical groupings. A [PATIENT](#) waiting for a diagnostic investigation should be counted only once for each test they are waiting for, wherever the test is to be performed and even if there is any additional therapeutic intervention. Each test should be identified by their [OPCS Classification of Interventions and Procedures](#) coding where applicable.

This data set is for the census covering 4 main areas of diagnostic tests as below:

- Part 1 – Endoscopy
- Part 2 – Imaging
- Part 3 – Pathology
- Parts 4 to 11 – Physiological Measurement

**Patient level information**

Information is submitted onto the [Unify2](#) database. All [PATIENTS](#) waiting for a diagnostic test/procedure funded by the NHS should be included. This includes all referral routes (i.e. whether the [PATIENT](#) was referred by a [GENERAL PRACTITIONER](#) or by a hospital-based clinician or other route) and also all settings (i.e. [Out Patient Clinic](#), [WARD](#), [Imaging Department](#), [GP Practice](#), one-stop centres etc.). It is recognised that there will be some overlap between [PATIENTS](#) reported on this census and [PATIENTS](#) reported in the inpatient and outpatient waiting times returns.

**How the data set is transmitted**

Information is submitted onto the [Unify2](#) database.

**Further guidance**

For further guidance on extracting the data sets, see the [NHS England](#) website at: [Diagnostics Waiting Times and Activity](#).

**DIAGNOSTICS WAITING TIMES CENSUS DATA SET OVERVIEW (RETIRED)\_ renamed from DIAGNOSTICS WAITING TIMES CENSUS DATA SET OVERVIEW**

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

- Changed Name from Data\_Dictionary.Messages.Central\_Return\_Data\_Sets.Overviews.Diagnostics\_Waiting\_Times\_Census\_Data\_Set\_Overview to Retired.Data\_Dictionary.Messages.Central\_Returns\_Data\_Sets.Diagnostics\_Waiting\_Times\_Census\_Data\_Set\_Overview
- Retired Diagnostics Waiting Times Census Data Set Overview

- Changed Description

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**DIAGNOSTICS REPORTING TIME BAND (RETIRED), renamed from DIAGNOSTICS REPORTING TIME BAND**

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

Format/Length:	character 6
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

**Notes:**

The time band for reporting on [Diagnostics Waiting Times and Activity Data Set](#) and [Diagnostics Waiting Times Census Data Set](#). This item has been retired from the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.

For monthly reporting of diagnostic waiting times and activity: **The last live version of this item is available in the ?????? release of the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.**

**Permitted National Codes:** 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.

00<01	less than 1 week
01<02	1 to less than 2 weeks
02<03	2 weeks to less than 3 weeks
03<04	3 weeks to less than 4 weeks
04<05	4 weeks to less than 5 weeks
05<06	5 weeks to less than 6 weeks
06<07	6 weeks to less than 7 weeks
07<08	7 weeks to less than 8 weeks
08<09	8 weeks to less than 9 weeks
09<10	9 weeks to less than 10 weeks
10<11	10 weeks to less than 11 weeks
11<12	11 weeks to less than 12 weeks
12<13	12 weeks to less than 13 weeks
13+	13 weeks or more

For the diagnostic waiting times census:

**Permitted National Codes:**

06<13	6 weeks to less than 13 weeks
13+	13 weeks or more

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**DIAGNOSTICS REPORTING TIME BAND (RETIRED), renamed from DIAGNOSTICS REPORTING TIME BAND**

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

- Changed Name from Data\_Dictionary.Data\_Field\_Notes.D.Diag.DIAGNOSTICS\_REPORTING\_TIME\_BAND to Retired.Data\_Dictionary.Data\_Field\_Notes.D.DIAGNOSTICS\_REPORTING\_TIME\_BAND
- Retired DIAGNOSTICS REPORTING TIME BAND
- Changed Description

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**DIAGNOSTIC TEST (ENDOSCOPY CENSUS) (RETIRED), renamed from DIAGNOSTIC TEST (ENDOSCOPY CENSUS)**

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

Format/Length:	an5
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

**Notes:**

[DIAGNOSTIC TEST \(ENDOSCOPY CENSUS\)](#) is the intended endoscopy diagnostic test or procedure ([CLINICAL INTERVENTION](#)) split by test grouping of [SERVICE REQUESTS](#) derived from the [OPCS-4](#) codes listed in the [NHS](#)

[England](#) guidance at: [Diagnostics Waiting Times and Activity](#). This item has been retired from the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.

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DIAGNOSTIC TEST (ENDOSCOPY CENSUS) (RETIRED), renamed from DIAGNOSTIC TEST (ENDOSCOPY CENSUS)

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

- Changed Name from Data\_Dictionary.Data\_Field\_Notes.D.Diag.DIAGNOSTIC\_TEST\_(ENDOSCOPY\_CENSUS) to Retired.Data\_Dictionary.Data\_Field\_Notes.D.DIAGNOSTIC\_TEST\_(ENDOSCOPY\_CENSUS)
- Retired DIAGNOSTIC TEST (ENDOSCOPY CENSUS)
- Changed Description

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DIAGNOSTIC TEST (IMAGING CENSUS) (RETIRED), renamed from DIAGNOSTIC TEST (IMAGING CENSUS)

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

Format/Length:	an5
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

**Notes:**

[DIAGNOSTIC TEST \(IMAGING CENSUS\)](#) is the intended imaging diagnostic test or procedure ([CLINICAL INTERVENTION](#)) split by test grouping of [SERVICE REQUESTS](#) derived from the [OPCS-4](#) codes listed in the [NHS England](#) guidance at: [Diagnostics Waiting Times and Activity](#). This item has been retired from the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.

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DIAGNOSTIC TEST (IMAGING CENSUS) (RETIRED), renamed from DIAGNOSTIC TEST (IMAGING CENSUS)

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

- Changed Name from Data\_Dictionary.Data\_Field\_Notes.D.Diag.DIAGNOSTIC\_TEST\_(IMAGING\_CENSUS) to Retired.Data\_Dictionary.Data\_Field\_Notes.D.DIAGNOSTIC\_TEST\_(IMAGING\_CENSUS)
- Retired DIAGNOSTIC TEST (IMAGING CENSUS)
- Changed Description

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DIAGNOSTIC TEST (PATHOLOGY CENSUS) (RETIRED), renamed from DIAGNOSTIC TEST (PATHOLOGY CENSUS)

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

Format/Length:	an5
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

**Notes:**

[DIAGNOSTIC TEST \(PATHOLOGY CENSUS\)](#) is the intended pathology diagnostic test or procedure ([CLINICAL INTERVENTION](#)) split by test grouping of [SERVICE REQUESTS](#) derived from the [OPCS-4](#) codes listed in the [NHS England](#) guidance at: [Diagnostics Waiting Times and Activity](#). This item has been retired from the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.

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**DIAGNOSTIC TEST (PATHOLOGY CENSUS) (RETIRED)**, renamed from **DIAGNOSTIC TEST (PATHOLOGY CENSUS)**

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

- Changed Name from Data\_Dictionary.Data\_Field\_Notes.D.Diag.DIAGNOSTIC\_TEST\_(PATHOLOGY\_CENSUS) to Retired.Data\_Dictionary.Data\_Field\_Notes.D.DIAGNOSTIC\_TEST\_(PATHOLOGY\_CENSUS)
- Retired DIAGNOSTIC TEST (PATHOLOGY CENSUS)
- Changed Description

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**DIAGNOSTIC TEST (PHYSIOLOGICAL MEASUREMENT CENSUS) (RETIRED)**, renamed from **DIAGNOSTIC TEST (PHYSIOLOGICAL MEASUREMENT CENSUS)**

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

Format/Length:	an5
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

**Notes:**  
[DIAGNOSTIC TEST \(PHYSIOLOGICAL MEASUREMENT CENSUS\)](#) is the intended physiological measurement diagnostic test or procedure ([CLINICAL INTERVENTION](#)) split by test grouping of [SERVICE REQUESTS](#) derived from the [OPCS-4](#) codes listed in the [NHS England](#) guidance at: [Diagnostics Waiting Times and Activity](#). **This item has been retired from the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.**

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**DIAGNOSTIC TEST (PHYSIOLOGICAL MEASUREMENT CENSUS) (RETIRED)**, renamed from **DIAGNOSTIC TEST (PHYSIOLOGICAL MEASUREMENT CENSUS)**

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

- Changed Name from Data\_Dictionary.Data\_Field\_Notes.D.Diag.DIAGNOSTIC\_TEST\_(PHYSIOLOGICAL\_MEASUREMENT\_CENSUS) to Retired.Data\_Dictionary.Data\_Field\_Notes.D.DIAGNOSTIC\_TEST\_(PHYSIOLOGICAL\_MEASUREMENT\_CENSUS)
- Retired DIAGNOSTIC TEST (PHYSIOLOGICAL MEASUREMENT CENSUS)
- Changed Description

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**PATIENTS WAITING FOR DIAGNOSTIC TEST (RETIRED)**, renamed from **PATIENTS WAITING FOR DIAGNOSTIC TEST**

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

Format/Length:	n6
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	

**Notes:**  
[PATIENTS WAITING FOR DIAGNOSTIC TEST](#) is the number of [PATIENTS](#) that have been waiting for a time within a [DIAGNOSTICS REPORTING TIME BAND](#) for the particular test or investigation.

[PATIENTS WAITING FOR DIAGNOSTIC TEST](#) is derived from the [SERVICE REQUEST DATE](#) of the [SERVICE REQUEST](#) to the [REPORTING PERIOD END DATE](#) or the [APPOINTMENT DATE](#) of the last missed [APPOINTMENT](#) (if reset due to missed or cancelled [APPOINTMENT](#) where [ATTENDED OR DID NOT ATTEND](#) are codes 2 Appointment cancelled by, or on behalf of, the [PATIENT](#), 3 Did not attend - no advance warning given or 7 [PATIENT](#) arrived late and could not be seen) to the [REPORTING PERIOD END DATE](#). **This item has been retired from the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.**

For pathology diagnostic tests, the total waiting time is measured from the [SERVICE REQUEST DATE](#) to the [INVESTIGATION RESULT DATE](#). For other diagnostic test waiting times, it is measured from the [SERVICE REQUEST DATE](#) to the [Clinical Intervention Date](#) of the [CLINICAL INTERVENTION](#). **The last live version of this item is available in the ?????? release of the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.**

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**PATIENTS WAITING FOR DIAGNOSTIC TEST (RETIRED)** renamed from **PATIENTS WAITING FOR DIAGNOSTIC TEST**

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

- Changed Name from Data\_Dictionary.Data\_Field\_Notes.P.Pat.PATIENTS\_WAITING\_FOR\_DIAGNOSTIC\_TEST to Retired.Data\_Dictionary.Data\_Field\_Notes.P.PATIENTS\_WAITING\_FOR\_DIAGNOSTIC\_TEST
  - Retired PATIENTS WAITING FOR DIAGNOSTIC TEST
  - Changed Description
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