Data Services for Commissioners Resource

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Anonymisation in context		The procedure by which identifying fields are removed and replaced with an artificial identifier, which can be used to re-identify people if necessary.
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Data Set	CAMHS	CAMHS is now incorporated into the MHSDS.
Children and Young People's Health Services Data Set	CYPHS	An information standard, approved by the governing standards body, which defines a patient-level dataset. The CYPHS dataset is an 'output dataset'; therefore it sets out to describe "what should be extracted" from local IT systems and periodically be submitted to the central data warehouse.
Data Services for Commissioners (DSfC) Resource		Resource on NHS England's DSfC website that will host conformed dataset specifications, associated guidance documents and other DSfC resources to benefit providers and commissioners. These include commissioners' ability to benchmark and reduce the burden of flowing multiple specifications for similar purposes.
Commissioning Support Unit	CSU	Support commissioners to discharge their responsibilities by providing business intelligence, health and clinical procurement services and back-office administrative functions.
Common Pseudonym		A pseudonym that is consistent for the same individual across datasets for different health care services. This is integral for linkage that is one of the key deliverables of the DSfC programme.
Community Information Data Set	CIDS	A patient level, output based, secondary uses dataset aimed at collecting robust, comprehensive, nationally consistent and comparable person-based information on patients who are in contact with Community Services. This dataset has been mandated by SCCI for local collection only and is not currently nationally mandated.
Conformance		In this case, conformance is creating a dataset that is consistent across providers and commissioners of healthcare to allow consistent and comprehensive reporting.
Core Data Identifiers		Common fields throughout datasets which will

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		be used in the derivation of a common pseudonym and linkage between datasets.
Data Development Unit	DDU	Team within the DSfC programme working on gathering requirements on, and designing, conformed datasets.
Data Flow		A flow of data contained in a dataset from a provider to a commissioner, and eventually to the HSCIC.
Data Linkage		The process of linking data across various datasets, which will be theoretically possible using the proposed consistent pseudonym. This would allow analysis of a patient's entire pathway through various types of healthcare, resulting in improved care.
Data Services for Commissioners	DSfC	A programme of work established across NHS England and HSCIC to develop an end state model for data by which commissioners can get access to data in a legal manner.
Data Services for Commissioners Regional Office	DSCRO	Regional offices staffed by the HSCIC that support the data management needs of commissioners with the provision of appropriate data controls and legal basis to store and process PCD data.
Data Services Platform	DSP	A technical platform that will provide the basis for the management of data for commissioning, research and regulation. There are several existing programmes, including the National Tariff Service, and Data Services for Commissioners, that have similar requirements for importing data and cleansing it, processing it through a set of services and then making it available for the separate purposes. There is also a general need to re-platform the existing data services in the HSCIC to improve service to users, capability and capacity.
Dataset		A collection of data, which are described by a data specification containing details about fields, content and format of items in the dataset.
De-identification / Anonymisation		The process of rendering data into a form which does not identify individuals and where there is little or no risk of identification (identification is not likely to take place). Also commonly referred to as "de-identification".
Demographics		Relating to a population and particular groups within it.
File Metadata		Data that describes other data, including

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		summary information for the file being uploaded into the system.
Future State Solution	FSS	A technical platform hosted by the HSCIC and designed by DSfC in order to be able to receive, process and disseminate all commissioning flows centrally.
Health and Social Care Information Centre	HSCIC	National provider of information, data and IT systems for health and social care. It is an executive non-departmental public body, sponsored by the Department of Health.
Improving Access to Psychological Therapies	IAPT	Collection of national data on IAPT, to encourage improved access to talking therapies for people with common mental health problems such as depression and anxiety disorders.
Information Standards Notice	ISN	Published by the Standardisation Committee for Care Information (SCCI) to announce new or changed Information Standards and Data Collections.
Local Flows		Data flows that are only used by local organisations for local purposes and do not follow national standards for the most part; this increases the reliance on local expertise.
Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Data Set	MHLDDS	The Mental Health Minimum Data Set (MHMDS) was renamed Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Data Set (MHLDDS) following an expansion in scope (from September 2014) to include learning disabilities and autism spectrum disorder patients. The dataset contains record-level data about the care of adults and older people using secondary mental health, learning disabilities or autism spectrum disorder services.
Mental Health Services Data Set	MHSDS	The MHSDS is a patient level, output based, secondary uses dataset which delivers robust, comprehensive, nationally consistent and comparable person-based information for children, young people and adults who are in contact with Mental Health Services. The dataset combines MHLDDS, CAMHS, Mental Health Care Cluster, Mental Health Clustering Tool, Children and Young People's IAPT and some areas of the Learning Disability Census and Assuring Transformation standard. It has been approved by SCCI and will be a mandatory flow from January 2016 onwards.
NHS England	NHSE	The purpose of NHS England is to improve

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		health outcomes of people in England, securing the best possible outcomes for patients and ensuring fairness and equality for all users.
Patient Identifiable Data	PID	Any data that could potentially identify an individual. This could happen with almost any field, for example, a rare procedure code alone could create the risk of an individual being identified.
Personal Confidential Data	PCD	Term used in the Caldicott Information Governance Review and describes personal information about identified or identifiable individuals.
Personal Demographic Service	PDS	The national electronic database of NHS patient demographic details such as name, address, date of birth and NHS Number.
Re-identification		Re-identification is the process by which anonymized personal data is matched with its true owner. This can be achieved by reverse application of the relevant keys through the anonymisation engine or by use of a look-up table containing patient identifiers and pseudonyms. In order to protect the privacy interests of consumers, personal identifiers, such as name and social security number, are often removed from databases containing sensitive information.
Schedule 6B		The part of the NHS England Standard Contract where all reporting requirements are outlined. These requirements are broken down into three sections; National Requirements Reported Centrally, National Requirements Reported Locally and Local Requirements Reported Locally.
Section 251 of the NHS Act 2006		A means of legally accessing data in specific circumstances where anonymised information is not sufficient and where patient consent is not practicable. An application for section 251 support requires explicit details about data flows and full justification about why each identifiable piece of information is required and how this allows the aims to be met. However, they are time limited and are due to expire in April 2017, hence the need for alternative methods.
Sensitive Data		Data that could be considered sensitive, such as race, religion, sexual orientation etc.
Standard Contract		The NHS Standard Contract is mandated by

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		NHS England for use by commissioners for all contracts for healthcare services other than primary care.
Standardisation Committee for Care Information	SCCI	Oversees the national governance process for Information Standards and Collections (including extractions). SCCI operates a rigorous development framework process which ensures efficient and justified standards.
Trust Development Authority	TDA	Authority responsible for providing leadership and support to the non-Foundation Trust sector of NHS providers.