

## NHS Discharge Medicines Service: Data Specification

- For each NHS Discharge Medicines Service provision, pharmacy contractors are required to report a standard dataset through the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) 'Manage your Service' (MYS) portal. Pharmacy contractors will be required to submit this data monthly for payment, service evaluation and monitoring purposes.
- The below table sets out this dataset (the data specification) to be reported to the NHSBSA for each NHS Discharge Medicines Service provision by community pharmacy contractors.
- For more information on the NHS Discharge Medicines Service process and stages, please read the contractor guidance or cross-sector toolkit which can be found on [NHS England and NHS Improvement's \(NHSE&I\) website](#).

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| Month and year of data collection:   |  |   |
| For each referral:   |  |   |
| Patient NHS Number:  |  |   |
| Date referral received by community pharmacy:  |  |   |
| Pre- Discharge Medicines Service Stages  | Which was the referring NHS Trust?   | Please specify (ODS Code)   |
|  | Did the referral from the NHS trust meet the minimum essential dataset requirements? | Yes<br>No<br><br>If no, what was missing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient's demographic details (including their hospital medical record number);</li> <li>• The medicines being used by the patient at discharge (including prescribed, over-the-counter and specialist medicines);</li> <li>• Any changes to medicines (including medicines started or stopped, or dosage changes) and documented reason for the change;</li> <li>• Contact details for the referring clinician or hospital department;</li> <li>• Hospital's Organisation Data Service (ODS) code.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Stage 1:</b> The community pharmacy receives a discharge referral, and a clinical review is undertaken by a community pharmacist. | Was Stage 1 of the Discharge Medicines Service Provided?                             | Yes<br>No<br><br>If no, why: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient referral changed to different pharmacy</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul>  |
|  | Were there any issues or clinical actions identified?                                | Yes<br>No<br><br>If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discrepancy with medication identified</li> </ul>   |



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|   |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific request included in the referral</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul>  |
|   |   | <p>Where issues were identified, were they discussed with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GP</li> <li>• Primary Care Network (PCN) clinical pharmacist/practice pharmacist</li> <li>• Hospital</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul> <p>(multiple options possible)</p>   |
|   | Prescriptions in supply system intercepted to prevent patient receiving inappropriate supply? | <p>Yes</p> <p>No such prescriptions</p>   |
| <p><b>Stage 2:</b> The community pharmacy receives the first prescription following discharge. The pharmacist or pharmacy technician ensures that the medicines prescribed post-discharge take account of the appropriate changes made during the hospital admission.</p> | Was stage 2 of the Discharge Medicines Service provided?                                      | <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>If yes, who completed it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pharmacist</li> <li>• Pharmacy Technician</li> </ul> <p>If no, why:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient deceased</li> <li>• Patient readmitted to hospital</li> <li>• Patient withdrew consent to participate in the service</li> <li>• Provided by another community pharmacy</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul>  |
|   | If yes, were any issues identified?   | <p>None – medicines reconciliation completed by pharmacy</p> <p>Issue on first prescription present (select all that apply from the list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medicine stopped in hospital still on first prescription</li> <li>• Wrong medicine issued on first prescription</li> <li>• Wrong strength of medicine prescribed</li> <li>• Wrong dose of medicine prescribed</li> <li>• Wrong formulation of medicine prescribed</li> <li>• Medicine included on discharge list inappropriately missed from first prescription</li> <li>• New medicine initiated in primary care since discharge</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul> |



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|  |  | <p>Where issues were identified, were they discussed with (select all that apply from the list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GP</li> <li>• PCN clinical pharmacist/practice pharmacist</li> <li>• Hospital</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Stage 3:</b> The community pharmacist or pharmacy technician holds a discussion with the patient (or carer) to check the patient's understanding of their medicines regimen and to answer any patient questions.</p> | <p>Was stage 3 of the Discharge Medicines Service completed?</p> | <p>Yes<br/>No</p> <p>If yes complete two following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please select the method of consultation: (telephone consultation, video consultation, in pharmacy consultation, home visit).</li> <li>• Please state who completed stage three of the service: (pharmacist, pharmacy technician).</li> </ul> <p>If no, select a reason why not completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient readmitted to hospital</li> <li>• Patient deceased</li> <li>• Patient has chosen to use another pharmacy</li> <li>• Patient or carer not contactable despite reasonable attempts</li> <li>• Patient withdrew consent to participate in the service</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul> |
|  | <p>If completed, choose all relevant options:</p>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All important changes understood by patient and/or carer</li> <li>• Advice provided on medicines regimen and questions answered</li> <li>• Referral to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GP</li> <li>- PCN clinical pharmacist/practice pharmacist</li> <li>- Hospital</li> <li>- Other</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Other CPCF service provided (select all that apply from the list): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Disposal of unwanted medicines</li> <li>- New Medicine Service</li> <li>- Healthy lifestyle advice</li> <li>- Other</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |

