



Organisation Patient Safety Incident Reports (OPSIR) - Correction Impact Statement

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1. Summary

This document is an impact statement that concerning corrections and revisions to the April 2020 – March 2021 Organisation Patient Safety Incident Reports (OPSIR) publication by NHS England.

Issues were identified with submissions to the National Reporting and Learning System (NRLS) for a small number of providers and data have been corrected and updated.

The updated data do not substantially change the distributions of incident reports, nor any interpretation made in the published commentaries. Minor changes in report number for April 2020 – March 2021 have been seen across organisations.

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2. Revision Reasons

2.1 Reporting issue

For the later part of the reporting period (April 2020 - March 2021), NHS England's National Patient Safety Team, were alerted to discrepancies between reported monthly data from the National Reporting and Learning System (NRLS) and a Trust's local records. This reporting error was traced to a change in organisation code field mapping by a provider a Local Risk Management (LRM) system that, in turn, is used to extract data for NRLS submission. Once identified, the mapping discrepancy was resolved, but we have identified impacts on the April 2020 – March 2021 publication OPSIR publication.

2.2 Duplicated reports from merging organisations

Two organisations were in the process of merging during the fiscal year and, although formally merged after the end of reporting period, the organisations incorrectly submitted reports against both residual organisation codes and the new organisation codes. The National Patient Safety Team have worked with the organisations to strip duplicated reports from the dataset and apportion them correctly to the appropriate organisation code.

2.3 Typos in original publication

When reviewing, as part of the correction process, we have encountered a small number of typos related to text and figures and these have been corrected.

In-line with our NRLS revisions and corrections policy, we consider this publication to be primarily a correction, but it also functions as a revision in some cases. We have chosen to update and reissued the publication along with this impact statement to summarise differences.

3. Impacts of corrections and revisions

We have identified updates at Trusts affected by the reporting issue described in 2.1, and each NHS Trust's figures have been updated accordingly. This only affected a single organisation in the reporting period, but others were also affected after the period.

Since the original publication, the distribution of categorical data associated with some reports has altered. This is due to Trusts updating incident reports, either correcting reports, or adding more information revealed through their investigation processes.

There have been no changes in interpretations or substantial changes to figures that warrant further explanation. The updated data do not require any changes to the commentary/narrative presented with the original publication, other than the figures themselves.

3.1 General changes

A total of 87 fewer incidents were reported in the period, with 227 more reported as occurring incidents (by incident date) reported in the period. This is because incidents may be reported outside of the reporting period they occurred in. These figures include the mapping issue described in 2.1, and merger described in 2.2. They reflect the merger of Pennine Acute Hospitals Trust (RW6) and Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust (RM3) into Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust (RM3). The organisation subsequently deleted incidents that were duplicated on both trust codes, and resolved them to the codes relevant at the time of submission (Table1).

Table 1: Organisation-level changes since original OPSIR report.

Organisation Name	Organisation Code	Difference in reported incidents
CROYDON HEALTH SERVICES NHS TRUST	RJ6	805
PENNINE ACUTE HOSPITALS NHS TRUST	RW6	-550
SALFORD ROYAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	RM3	-28
Total		227

All affected figures in categories for April 2020 – March 2021 have been updated, but few proportional changes were observed.

3.2 Specific changes within OPSIR Commentary

- **Table 3:**

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- Small distributional changes not materially important for interpretation

- **Page 17:**

- The large reduction in Acute (specialist) cluster reports was due to an incorrect value quoted in the originally published commentary. This was due to an error in the extraction code created two groups of 'All other categories,' inappropriately splitting them. Both groups have been combined and the correct total is now reported.

- **Table 5a:**
 - Percentage change figure for the 'Implementation of care and ongoing monitoring / review' category has increased by 0.1% and is subject to rounding to 1 decimal place.

- **Table 5b:**
 - The large reduction in Acute (specialist) cluster reports was due to an incorrect value quoted in the originally published commentary. This was due to an error in the extraction code created two groups of 'All other categories,' inappropriately splitting them. Both groups have been combined and the correct total is now reported.
 - Percentage change figure for the 'Implementation of care and ongoing monitoring / review' category has increased by 8% due to increases in this category as incidents were reclassified by Trusts.

- **Table 5c:**
 - Percentage change for 'All other categories' has increased by 0.1% and is subject to rounding to 1 decimal place.

- **Table 5d:**
 - A misplaced comma in the first data cell of this table has been updated to make logical sense, but number remains the same.

- **Table 5e:**
 - Percentage change for 'Access, admission, transfer, discharge (including missing patient)' has increased by 0.2%, and 'Treatment, procedure' has decreased 0.1%, both subject to rounding to 1 decimal place.

- **Page 20** – Care setting of occurrence:
 - Updated relevant Acute (non-specialist) cluster figures in text.

- Updated Ambulance cluster figures in text, due to incorrect figure reported in original publication.
- Updated Mental Health care setting in Acute (specialist) cluster as the wrong figure was reported in original publication.

- **Table 6a:**

- Percentage change for Mental health services reduced by 3%, but small changes in absolute numbers are accentuated by the scale of the differences in figure used for the calculation.

4. Conclusions

The OPSIR data for April 2020 – March 2021 have been updated and rereleased after a reporting issue was identified and duplicates due to Trust mergers resolved. 277 more reports occurred during the period, and small changes to categorical distributions of data have been noted and presented. There were no material changes to the conclusions or commentary presented with the data release.