

Information Centre Social Care Collections

August 2009 Newsletter

1 Abuse of Vulnerable Adults collection (AVA)

New versions (v1.1) of the AVA data collection proformas and guidance were placed on the NHS IC website at the end of July.

The changes made are to clarify the guidance and proformas following feedback from councils. There have been no changes from the previous draft versions to the data items required for the collection, nor the structure of the return.

The first return, due in May 2010, will gather data for the period 01/10/09 to 31/03/10.

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/services/social-care/social-care-collections/collections-2009>

2 Expenditure Return (PSS EX1)

We would like to thank the many councils that participated in the pilot of new data items in the 2008-09 PSS EX1 return.

Those data returned and the associated information councils gave on the collection, such as ease of return, will be analysed by the IC and the findings presented to the CIPFA working party in September. The working party will consider which of the pilot data items should be retained for 2009-10 and advise SIGASC of their recommendations. Councils will be informed of any changes that SIGASC approve to the PSS EX1 collection in the September letter from the Information Centre.

3 Staffing data SSDS001

The guidance and Excel form for the 2009-10 staffing return SSDS001 are now available on

the IC website. The data depot collection tool for the SSDS001 will be available to councils from the 4th September. Councils will be contacted with login details for the system over the next fortnight.

The completed SSDS001 should be returned to the IC, via the Data Depot collection tool, by 30th October 2009.

4 3rd cut deadlines

The deadline for responses to validation queries and to make amendments for the 3rd cut 2008-09 RAP, ASC-CAR and PSS-EX1 returns is Friday 25th September.

5 National Indicator collection periods (NI145, NI146 & NI125)

The National Indicators NI145, NI146 and NI125 were temporarily based on shortened collection periods in the 2008-09 financial year, these measures will move to their standard periods for 2009-10.

NI145 and NI146 will be collected for 2009-10 and onwards on a full year basis. The numerator and denominator for both measures will be collected in 2009-10 for the period 01/04/09 to 31/03/10.

NI125 will be collected for a six month period for 2009-10 and onwards. The denominator in 2009-10 will count relevant discharges in the period 01/07/09 to 31/12/09. This information is contained in the February 2009 update to the National Indicators published by the Department of Communities and Local Government:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/localgovernment/pdf/11471951.pdf>

6 Compliance cost survey

The Office of National Statistics requires an estimate be produced each year of the costs to councils of completion of central data returns. It has been proposed that a survey be conducted in 2009-10 and SIGASC will consider this at their meeting on the 14th September. Further information may be found in paper '22/06 Compliance Cost Survey' presented to ARG on 15th July 2009, which is available at:

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/services/social-care/review-approval-and-development/adult-review-group>

7 Preserved Rights Survey

The Department of Health will imminently be surveying all Local Authorities to gather information regarding their caseload of former preserved rights clients.

This survey is scheduled to be sent out on 31st August 2009 by the Information Centre on behalf of the department. Further information may be found in paper 09/1/8 presented to SIGASC on 19th March 2009, which is available at:

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/sigasc>

The completed survey should be returned to PR.Survey@dh.gsi.gov.uk by 30th September 2009.

8 Carers User Experience Survey 2009-10

In April this year, twenty-five councils took part in a successful pilot of the Carers User Experience Survey. The main focus of the pilot was to test the survey methodology ahead of the planned full survey across all councils in November 09.

The results of the pilot survey were presented to SSUSG (Social Services User Survey Group) on the 16th July with subsequent recommendations for the full survey made to members of SIGASC.

Although the survey is voluntary, we would hope many councils will take part.

Participating in the survey will allow councils to benchmark against their comparators and gather information to support their local commissioning, performance and carers' strategy.

The survey is in the final stages of ethical review and the guidance and questionnaire will appear on our website shortly at:

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/services/social-care/social-care-collections/user-surveys>

9 NASCIS

Following consultation with key stakeholders, the Information Centre launched The National Adult Social Care Intelligence Service (NASCIS) on Friday 17 July.

This initial NASCIS release includes an initial set of analytics, query and reporting solutions and a library service, all made available through a NASCIS web portal:

<https://nascis.ic.nhs.uk>.

Access to the NASCIS portal and library is open to all, however only registered users within Local Authorities currently have access to the range of adult social care data through the analytical tools.

If you have any queries regarding the NASCIS user registration process please contact The NHS IC Contact Centre on 0845 300 6016 or via email at enquiries@ic.nhs.uk.

10 Publications

The Information Centre published provisional National Indicator data on the 13th August 2009 through a publication entitled: 'Social Care indicators from the National Indicator Set, 2008-09 England Provisional'.

This can be found on the IC Social Care Publications page:

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/statistics-and-data-collections/social-care/adult-social-care-information>

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12 Useful Web Links:

Collections information for 2009/10:

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/services/social-care/social-care-collections/collections-2009>

Social Care Publications:

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/statistics-and-data-collections/social-care/adult-social-care-information>

Adult Review Group (ARG):

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/services/social-care/review-approval-and-development/adult-review-group>

Strategic Information Group for Adult Social Care (SIGASC):

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/services/social-care/review-approval-and-development/sigasc>