

Information Centre Social Care Collections

March 2009 Newsletter

1 RAP collection 2008-09

The Referrals, Assessments and Packages of care (RAP) guidance, an updated version of the proformas and the FAQ document for the 2008-09 collection are now available on the IC website.

Following the review of collections in 2008, final approval for the 2008-09 collections was not received until December, instead of September as in previous years. We would like to thank Local Authorities for the patience they have shown whilst waiting for the guidance documents this year.

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

2 Combined Activity Return

The guidance document, FAQs and updated proformas for the Adult Social Care Combined Activity Return (ASC-CAR) return were placed on the IC website at the end of February. These can be found by following the link in the RAP section above.

3 Expenditure Return (PSS EX1)

Following publication of the DH report "Improved reporting of adult social care finance and activity data" the PSS EX1 return has been subject to major revision. The CIPFA working party met on the 18th February and examined the detail of a proposed proforma and guidance; following their advice a final version of the proforma is being created and will be issued shortly. In the interim, the version of the proforma as taken to CIPFA is available on the IC website:

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

New data items added to the PSS EX1 as a result of the review will be subject to pilot in 2008-09. All councils will be sent a proforma containing the pilot items, clearly marked to indicate their difference from the remainder of the form. We would like to encourage all councils to complete as many of the new data items as they are able; and to comment upon the data items, whether they have been able to complete them or not. In addition, the IC is looking for volunteer councils to participate in a more structured pilot of the new data items in the 2008-09 PSS EX1. To volunteer, or for further details, please email:

PSSEX1@ic.nhs.uk

4 Abuse of Vulnerable Adults collection (AVA)

The working group which has been developing the new collection held their final scheduled meeting in January. A proposed set of proformas and guidance documents were taken to the Adult Review Group (ARG) in February and modified versions of these will be placed before the Strategic Information Group for Adult Social Care (SIGASC) in March. If approval is granted, the first collection will gather data for the period 01/10/09 – 31/03/10.

5 National Indicator (NI) definitions

On the 13th February the department of Communities and Local Government issued updated NI definitions, incorporating amendments to NI 130, NI 136 and NI 145. These can be found by following this link:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/updatedniddefinitions>

6 National Indicator updates

The Audit Commission (AC) publishes a National Indicators FAQ document that councils may find useful. This is to be found at:

<http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/performance/ni-faq.asp>

The AC has a 'latest news' service through which they email contacts to advise them that a change has occurred to the National Indicators. Details on how to sign up for this service can be found in the first paragraph of this page:

<http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/performance/news-latestnews.asp>

7 Collection deadlines 2008-09

As a reminder, the cut off dates for authorising your council's ASC-CAR and RAP returns is **27th May 2009**.

The submission deadline for the User Experience Home Care Survey is **31st May 2009**.

The PSS EX1 return should be submitted by **10th July 2009**.

8 Recent Publications

Data collected for 2007-08 has so far been published in the following reports:

PSSEX1

Personal Social Services Expenditure and Unit Costs: England 2007-08 (*published February 10, 2009*)

User Survey

Personal Social Services Survey of Adults Receiving Community Equipment and Minor Adaptations, 2007-08 (*published December 18, 2008*)

RAP

Community Care Statistics 2007-2008: Referrals, Assessments and Packages of Care for Adults, England - National Summary (*published December 18, 2008*)
Community Care Statistics 2007 – 2008: Referrals, Assessments and Packages of Care for Adults, England – Provisional Council Data (*published October 7, 2008*)

GFS

Community Care Statistics 2007-08: Grant Funded Services for Adults, England (*published October 30, 2008*)

SR1

Community Care Statistics 2008: Supported Residents (Adults), England (*published October 30, 2008*)

Registers returns

People Registered as Blind and Partially Sighted 2008 England (*published October 30, 2008*)

These can all 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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10 Useful Web Links:

Collections information for 2008/09:

<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>