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Dear Colleague

COPPISH SMR PROJECT - IMPLEMENTATION

Summary

1. This circular confirms the arrangements made between the CSA Information and Statistics Division (ISD), and Trusts and Health Boards for the revisions to the Scottish Morbidity Records (SMR) Datasets to be implemented commencing 1 April 1996; with implementation to be completed during the financial year 1996-97 according to the phased timetable agreed with ISD. The Annex sets out the background to COPPISH.

Action

2. Providers should ensure that the revised COPPISH SMR Datasets are submitted to ISD according to the agreed timetable. This includes all data submitted on paper forms and in computer produced SMR Datasets for the SMR record types indicated. This also applies to all SMR Datasets that are sent to CSC Data Centres and Health Boards for validation and processing prior to being sent to ISD.

3. Purchasers should note that the Scottish Contract Data Sets (SCDSs) for patient activity recorded on SMRs will be submitted to them using the revised COPPISH SMR data items and codes during the financial year 1996-97.

4. Health Boards are requested to pass this circular to GP Fundholders and independent providers within their area.

Yours faithfully

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Annex Background to COPPISH

1. The specification of the COPPISH SMR Dataset (Core Patient Profile Information in Scottish Hospitals) was issued to the NHSiS in September 1994 as Requirement Specification 1 'New Core Patient Profile Information', following an extensive consultative exercise. The review, rationalisation and upgrade of the SMR Schemes was prompted by requests from the NHSiS to respond to the need to implement the ICD10 Diagnostic Codes and to take account of changes caused by developments in clinical practice, contracting and local and central management information requirements.

2. Further details of the specification for implementation by computer and manual systems have been provided by ISD in a number of publications, including Requirement Specification 2 'Implementation Implications for Systems', November 1994, and ISD Data Change Notices RS2/95/1 to RS2/95/6 February to November 1995, and RS2/96/1 to RS/96/2, January and February 1996.

3. Arrangements have been made with the NHSiS Users Groups and the suppliers of Patient Administration Systems (PASs), Contract Management Systems (CMSs), and other related systems, for these systems to be amended to the COPPISH SMR Dataset format, for implementation according to the timetable agreed with ISD, commencing 1 April 1996, and to be completed promptly during the FY 1996-97.

The SMR data may be processed by Health Boards and the CSC Data Centres, as arranged with ISD, in the COPPISH SMR format, and allowance has been made for the progressive implementation of the COPPISH SMR Dataset from 1 April 1996 onwards.

4. A comprehensive Education and Training Programme is taking place, including instruction in ICD10 codes, and a new COPPISH SMR Data Manual has been issued. Revised procedures for control of SMR data input and for national reference files are also being implemented from 1 April 1996. Details and requests for training and advice should be made to Kate Harley of ISD.

5. It is noted that the COPPISH SMR data items are categorised as Mandatory, High Priority and Optional, and the Mandatory data items shall be made available according to the agreed timetable in 1996-97.

6. The timetable may be summarised as follows:-

- i. from 1 April 1996 all manual forms and all computer produced SMR records, whether current or COPPISH SMR format, for patients discharged on or after 1 April 1996, must use ICD10 Diagnostic codes and not ICD9 (Ref MEL(1994)92);
- ii. from 1 April 1996 all manual forms completed for patients discharged on or after 1 April 1996, for SMR Record Types SMR00 Out-patients, SMR01 In-patient/Day cases, SMR02 Maternity, SMR04 Mental Health, SMR11 Neonatal, SMR50 Geriatric Long Stay, must use the COPPISH SMR formats;

- iii. from 1 April 1996 sites using the HOMER PAS, the FIST/FINIX CMS, the KPMG CMS and a number of other PAS and CMS systems at Trusts and Health Boards, will use the COPPISH SMR format for patients discharged on or after 1 April 1996;

Note: where COMPAS PAS sites also use the FIST/FINIX and IBM CMS systems, they will commence using the COPPISH SMR formats according to the agreed COMPAS COPPISH SMR implementation schedule.

- iv. for sites using the COMPAS PAS, the COPPISH SMR Datasets will be phased in for patients discharged on or after an agreed date during 1996-97, according to the timetable agreed with ISD, commencing in June 1996 and continuing in 2 phases, the first being from June to November 1996 and the second being from December 1996 to February 1997;
- v. ISD and the CSC Data Centres in Edinburgh and Dundee will be ready to receive both current and COPPISH SMR formatted records from 1 April 1996.

7. Any queries related to COPPISH SMR implementation should be addressed to Alan Thomas, COPPISH Project Manager at the Information and Statistics Division.