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Changes to NDTMS Core Dataset

Public Health England (PHE) have now finalised the changes to the next NDTMS Core Data Set (CDS-N) that will come into effect on the 1st April 2017.

This article outlines the changes of data collection to key areas within the data set, and based upon information from http://www.nta.nhs.uk/core-data-set.aspx. ILLY will be working closely with PHE and our clients to ensure a smooth rollout of this dataset.

Families

✛ **Parental Status**
✛ **Number of children living with client**
✛ Data on whether the client's children/children living with the client are receiving **early help** and/or are in contact with children's social care?
  - These should all be updated as soon as the information changes

✛ Collect data to monitor the extent to which services are addressing individual and family safety issues in relation to aiding support around **domestic abuse / domestic violence**

Prescribing

✛ Introduction of **prescribed medication information for both community & secure providers**

  o Community providers - collect what medication is prescribed via the SIR data item (Limited to a selection of OST and alcohol medications *e.g. Methadone*)

  o Secure settings- more detailed information on pharmacological interventions will be collected via the modality data item

✛ Expanded information collected on **supervised consumption**

A greater understanding of current implementation could lead to significant improvements in safer prescribing practices and improved recovery outcomes

✛ Recording and monitoring **take home naloxone and training information** collected at episode level for secure settings

This is in response to the change in legislation and the recent rise in drug-related deaths.

Employment

✛ Two additional questions as part of the TOP to measure (*within the last 28 days*):
  o No. of days volunteering
  o No. of days in unpaid structured work placement

✛ Asked at the commencement of structured treatment:
  o Time since last paid employment

BBV Screening

The following will be collected at information review:
✛ **Hepatitis C virus (HCV) test result**
✛ **Hep C tested**
✛ **HCV PCR antibody Status**
✛ **Hep C RNA status**
✛ **Hep B Intervention Status**
✛ **Hep B Vaccination Count**
✛ **Hep C Intervention Status**

Introduction of an additional sub-intervention data item to reflect **onward referral for Hep C treatment**

Alcohol

CDS-N will include an alcohol severity score using the **Severity of Alcohol Dependence** Questionnaire (SADQ) assessment tool (applicable to community providers only).

❯ Criminal Justice & Secure Settings

Prison episodes will now need to fill in the **'Prison' TOP/YPOR form**

- o This is for treatment services for adults in secure settings. A completed TOP will only be required for newly arriving detainees.
- o Community treatment providers will collect TOP in the period directly after release from prison. After this, an additional TOP review between 28-56 days after release so that the change in behaviours pre and post prison can be analysed and reported.
- o Whether a **client was sentenced during their custodial stay**
- o Additional **reference data for secure settings** to reflect that some individuals will not return to the secure setting following a court appearance.
- o **YPOR to providers of treatment services in the Children and Young Person Secure Estate.** Providers will be asked to collect a YPOR on arrival and in the community, between 28 – 56 days after release from their secure estate.

- ✝ Update **referral sources relating to CJ routes** into treatment in line with recent changes in the criminal justice system and referral pathways into treatment for offenders
  - o Remove 'DIP' (but maintain the Arrest Referral reference data item)
  - o Replace 'CARAT/Prison' with 'Prison'.
  - o Replace 'Probation' with two items: 'Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC)' and 'National Probation Service'.
  - o Add 'Liaison and Diversion'

- ✝ Introduction to the Criminal Justice form of:
  - o **Protected characteristics** to the criminal justice dataset to include collecting data on sexual orientation, disability and religion.
  - o **Smoking cessation recovery support** sub-intervention to the Criminal Justice dataset.
  - o **C&YPSE)** to enable baseline outcomes to be captured. Providers will be asked to collect a YPOR on arrival and in the community, between 28-56 days after release from their secure estate

- ✝ Changes to reference data relating to **reason for contact** with CJIT to include 'Voluntary – liaison and diversion' in order to get a better understanding of routes into treatment.

- ✝ Change **'referral on release status'** for all treatment providers in adult secure settings to better reflect referrals.

❯ Mental Health

Improved collection of data around **mental health need and treatment** to build a more comprehensive picture on whether a mental health issue is being treated at that point in time. Two questions to be asked and completed at start of episode and then as part of the informational review:

- o Does the person have a mental health treatment need?
- o Is the person currently receiving treatment for their mental health need(s)?

❯ Accommodation TOP

Introduce **additional accommodation status item** to reflect whether a client lives in unsuitable accommodation, *i.e. housing that is in a condition which is detrimental to their health and wellbeing*

❯ For more information

On the dataset changes and how ILLY will be implementing these into LINKS CarePath, you can contact the ILLY team on 020 7749 2222.