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Mental Health Service Data Set (MHSDS) – NHS England Information for children/young people accessing Compass BUZZ and their parents/carers.

We want to offer the best possible care. To do this, we have to assess our effectiveness so we can continually improve the care we offer. This means that we need to collect information about those people who use our service, the support offered and its outcomes and then we need to analyse it so we can continuously improve.

This leaflet describes how the information provided by you/your child helps improve care for all children and young people using mental health services.

What is the Mental Health Data Set?

The MHSDS is an individual level, output based, secondary uses data set which delivers robust, comprehensive, nationally consistent and comparable person-based information for children, young people and adults who are in contact with Mental Health or Learning Disability Services. The MHSDS will contribute to embedding 'parity of esteem' that is - 'valuing mental health equally with physical health'.

Improving mental health data for all ages is a government priority. Key to achieving this is the assurance that the data collected locally and nationally supports evidence-based clinical practice and helps us to demonstrate improved outcomes.

The data set is used to inform service improvements and monitor service performance, clinical interventions, service user experience and treatment outcomes.

As a secondary uses data set, it re-uses clinical and operational data for purposes other than direct service user care. MHSDS supports a variety of secondary use functions such as:

- commissioning
- clinical audit
- research
- service planning
- national reporting and analysis
- inspection and regulation
- monitoring government policies and legislation
- local and national performance management and benchmarking

Examples of what the information gives us:

- What Mental Health Services are available to all service users
- Service users are provided with care that is compliant with standards set by the National Institute of Care and Health Excellence (NICE)
- Whether services help service users to recover
- Access and Waiting Time standards are monitored nationally to improve service user experience of mental health services
- The organisations that commission services know what services have been delivered

Who manages the information I provide?

The information collected about you/your child is managed by NHS Digital, the national provider of information, data and IT systems in health and social care. The role of NHS Digital is to ensure that high quality information is used appropriately to improve service user care. It publishes key statistics and shares information to support research and commissioning.

What information do you collect about me/my child?

We collect information about you/your child and the care we provide, including the assessment and answers to questionnaires. This enables progress to be monitored

and future services planned. This information may be shared with other health professionals involved in your/your child's care, so that the best possible care is provided. If you would like to see the information collected about you/your child or find out more about how the information is stored and used locally please speak with us.

What information is collected nationally?

Some of the information collected is reported nationally to give a picture of services delivered across the country, to check that quality standards are similar everywhere.

No information that could reveal you/your child's identity is used in national reports. These reports only show summary numbers of, for instance, service users receiving different types of care and it is impossible to identify any service user using services from them.

How do you use my/my child's information?

Care services offer the most benefit when they collect information from as many service users as possible, because this creates the most accurate picture of services. If, however, you do not want your information included in national analyses, please tell us and we will make sure your information is not used. This will not affect the support you receive in any way.

How do I find out more about how you use my/ my child's information?

You can find out more about what happens to your/your child's information on the NHS Digital website: <http://digital.nhs.uk/patientconf>

You can see the types of reports which are currently produced at:

<http://digital.nhs.uk/mhldsreports>

Keeping your information safe

NHS Digital is absolutely committed to keeping data safe and secure and will take every step to protect confidentiality. There are strict controls around access to the data and it will only be used for the benefit of the health and care system. All our systems and services are designed and operated in accordance with multiple international security standards and best practices.

We share personal information when we have approval and a legal basis to do so. For example, sometimes this data will be used in collaboration with other NHS organisations, such as Public Health England.

Once we have received the data we only process it and link it to other data sets in an automated way and we rarely have cause to look at an individual's personal information.

Please note that NHS Digital cannot deal with any queries relating to your appointments

However if you have any queries about what NHS Digital does with your/your child's information or would like to know more please get in touch:

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Email: enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk

<http://digital.nhs.uk/home>

