Clinical Excellence Division

Supporting document 2 Information management framework

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Through the HIU Data Collections Project, an information management framework was developed to establish formal governance, standardised corporate data and a transparent process from data entry, collection and storage through to processing and output. The framework included a number of technical and customer focused artefacts to build a consistent information maturity foundation across each service delivery area.

This overview provides further information on the four types of customer focused artefacts used in the framework, what each provide to the customer, and their place in the flow of information around the system. This is shown in the diagram below:



Workflow Guide

To minimise the burden on hospital staff providing data to the collections, information from clinical applications is automatically sourced where possible. The purpose of the Workflow Guide is to show how information entered into the application in the hospital is collected and transformed. This provides the customer with an understanding of how information gets from their actions in the system, to the formal data collection. Importantly, the Workflow Guide follows the steps undertaken by the customer when registering, reviewing, and treating the patient so as to best match their workflow.

On the next page is shown a Workflow Guide for users of the HBCIS system when entering elective surgery patients:









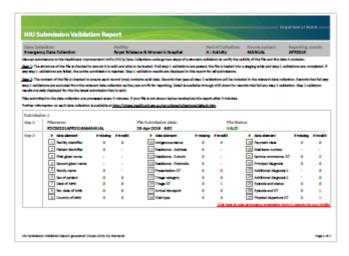


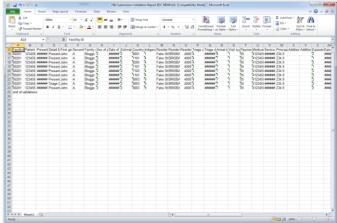


Quality reports

The feedback loop comparing the quality of the data entered in the hospital setting against the statewide quality standard is an important step in the creation of rich and valuable information. For this reason, a suite of quality reports were developed in the Project to provide customers with a mechanism to validate patient records. Additionally, a benefit to the customer is that the reports can be accessed at any time – reviewing the quality close to the time of the patient registration makes it easier for corrections to be made.

Below is a quality report which provides both a summary of the patient records that do not meet the quality standard, as well as a detailed view of the records that require attention:







Data Collection Manual and Minimum Data Set

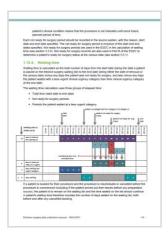
At the heart of the framework are the information standards that set out a statewide approach to the collection of information in each service delivery area. The information standards define the concepts, codes and terms in each area, incorporating best practice approach used both in Queensland and nationally. The standards have been developed considering the ability for hospitals to provide information, and the needs of customers performing service planning, funding and research, to allow for a single high quality statewide dataset to be established.

In practice, this is achieved through two artefacts; a Manual and Minimum Data Set (MDS).

The Manual provides a detailed view of the information standards, describing the purposes, objectives, uses and benefits of the information, scope, unit of count and special concepts included in each collection, and detailed information on each data standard including the definition, acceptable values and a guide to their use in practice. The detail and rigour in describing each element provides clarity to both customers in the hospital and customers of the end result. Below are excerpts from the Elective Surgery Data Collection Manual:

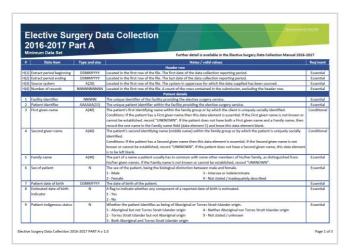








The MDS provides a cut down view of the information standards, designed for a technical resource. Below is the Elective Surgery Data Collection MDS:







Developer Handbook

The final stage of our framework is the method in which the compiled, cleansed and enriched data is made available to reporting customers. After collection, the statewide data is refined and value added through the calculation and flagging of key metrics and measures pertaining to the service delivery area. The information is then provided to users directly and through each Queensland Health enterprise reporting platform, using both user level security, as well as patient identifiable and patient de-identified access. This ensures each customer can access the appropriate information in the format best suited to their needs.

To support this access a Developer Handbook is provided to each user when granted access to the information. The Developer Handbook is a technical resource, detailing the reporting objects available, derived and calculated fields and flags, and reference datasets for coded fields. Clarity in the methods of calculating measures reinforces consistency in reporting, and reduces the chance of reporting error during use.

Below are excerpts from the Elective Surgery Data Collection Developer Handbook:





