



## COVID-19 and Information Standards

### Bi-weekly SNAP update

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#### **Purpose of this update:**

This update is to provide a current summary of activity relating to COVID-19 in relation to products and services under the remit of the Terminology and Classifications Service within NHS Digital.

An update will normally be provided every alternate Friday during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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#### **SNOMED CT Releases**

The next release of the SNOMED CT UK Edition is **12 August 2020**. As well as an update to move from the July 2018 to the July 2019 International edition, there is also the addition of new concepts which were originally planned for inclusion in the April 2020 release. This includes some content requested via our request submission portal along with content to support national programmes such as Newborn Blood Spot screening and Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT).

Further detail and supporting information is available on NHS Digital's [Delen](#) sharing platform.

## Planned changes to the SNOMED CT UK Edition release subfolder structure

From the first scheduled release in 2021 (27 January), all PRODUCTION releases of UK Clinical and Drug will adopt the [BETA encoding](#) structure. All releases will then continue to be available in parallel in the older LEGACY encoding until the **end of March 2021**, after which the LEGACY encoding will be **permanently withdrawn**.

For a more detailed explanation of the motivations for the BETA bundling, see the webinar recording at [this location](#). Detailed information is also provided in the [UK Clinical Edition SNOMED CT Technical overview document](#), section 2.4.1 and 2.4.2.

Throughout the remainder of 2020, PRODUCTION releases will remain as before but with the same content always co-published on TRUD in BETA format, as Test Releases: [Clinical Edition and Drug Extension 29.3.0, RF2, BETA: Full, Snapshot & Delta](#)

## SNOMED CT Release cycle and Format Consultation

During the upcoming weeks we will be seeking feedback about the format and frequency of the [SNOMED CT UK Edition](#). The aim of this consultation will be to determine:

- The future release frequency of the [SNOMED CT UK Clinical Extension](#)
- to seek feedback from users on the [SNOMED CT UK Edition BETA format](#).
- to find ways to support users to adopt the BETA format.

We will notify users by e-mail over the upcoming weeks

## Previous Snap Updates

SNAP updates, including previous issues, are also available on the [COVID-19 Information standards](#) Delen sharing platform.

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