

Consultation Results for OPCS-4 Settings (Multiple Standards) Review

We would like to thank everyone who completed the consultation and contributed their feedback on possible changes to the use of settings in OPCS-4.

The service consultation outlining the proposal resulted in a total of 37 responses. Less than a third of the responses expressed a positive opinion of the changes. Several issues were raised, including increased workload, risk of inconsistency in data collection and uncertainty around the financial implications.

The National Casemix Office advised that it is not possible to forecast the impact of the proposed changes would have for Healthcare Resource Groups (HRG), as there is no way to predict the outcome of recording a procedure in circumstances when where it has not previously been recorded.

Likewise, the potential impact on Hospital Episode Statistics for retrospective comparative data analysis is also unknown.

We can therefore confirm the proposed changes to National Coding Standards outlined in the review document will not be implemented.