PHIN OPCS 4.10 update guidance

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In line with the NHS, PHIN has implemented an updated version of the OPCS Classification of Interventions and Procedures – from OPCS 4.9 to OPCS 4.10 - from the 1st of April 2023. This will be a mandatory change for all providers submitting Admitted Patient Care (APC) data to PHIN.

The update to the standard is a continuance of the regular review and uplift of OPCS-4 in line with the recommended best practice of keeping clinical classifications aligned with advances in health care.

Any APC data submitted to PHIN relating to patients discharged on or after the 1st of April 2023 must be coded using OPCS 4.10.

For any data submissions or corrections relating to patients discharged prior to 1st April 2023 hospitals should continue to use OPCS 4.9.

The update from OPCS 4.9 to OPCS 4.10 includes the addition of new codes and the retirement and modification of existing code descriptions and notes.

The table below lists the number changes made to OPCS-4.9 to create OPCS-4.10

Change type	Number	Total	Grand Total
New three-character category code	34	397	
New four-character subcategory code	236		
Retired (four-character subcategory code)	2		
Changed three-character category code description	2		
Changed four-character subcategory code description	44		
Change to three-character category code involving change to note only (new, deleted or changed includes, excludes and notes)	44		
Change to four-character subcategory code involving change to note only (new, deleted or changed includes, excludes and notes)	35		
New Index Entry	439		
Deleted Index Entry	59	498	895

Table 1: Volume of changes, DAPB0084 Amd 36/2022 Change Specification, 2022

Further details of the specific changes can be found via DAPB0084: OPCS Classification of Interventions and Procedures - NHS Digital .The codes are also available via the NHS TRUD system Please note you will need an existing TRUD account or to sign up to access this.