

PHIN OPCS 4.9 UPDATE GUIDANCE

In line with the NHS, PHIN has implemented an updated version of the OPCS Classification of Interventions and Procedures – from OPCS 4.8 to OPCS 4.9 - from the 1st April 2020. 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 April 2020 must be coded using OPCS 4.9.

For any data submissions or corrections relating to patients discharged prior to 1st April 2020 hospitals should continue to use OPCS 4.8.

The update from OPCS 4.8 to OPCS 4.9 includes the addition of new codes and the retirement and modification of existing code descriptions and notes.

A short summary of the volume of each of these changes can be found below.

CHANGE TYPE	NUMBER OF CODES
New code	251
Retired code	5
Change in code description/notes	33

Further details of the specific changes can be found via the [NHS TRUD system](#). Please note you will need an existing TRUD account or to sign up in order to access this.

