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MDS-2008

Practical Advice on Implementation

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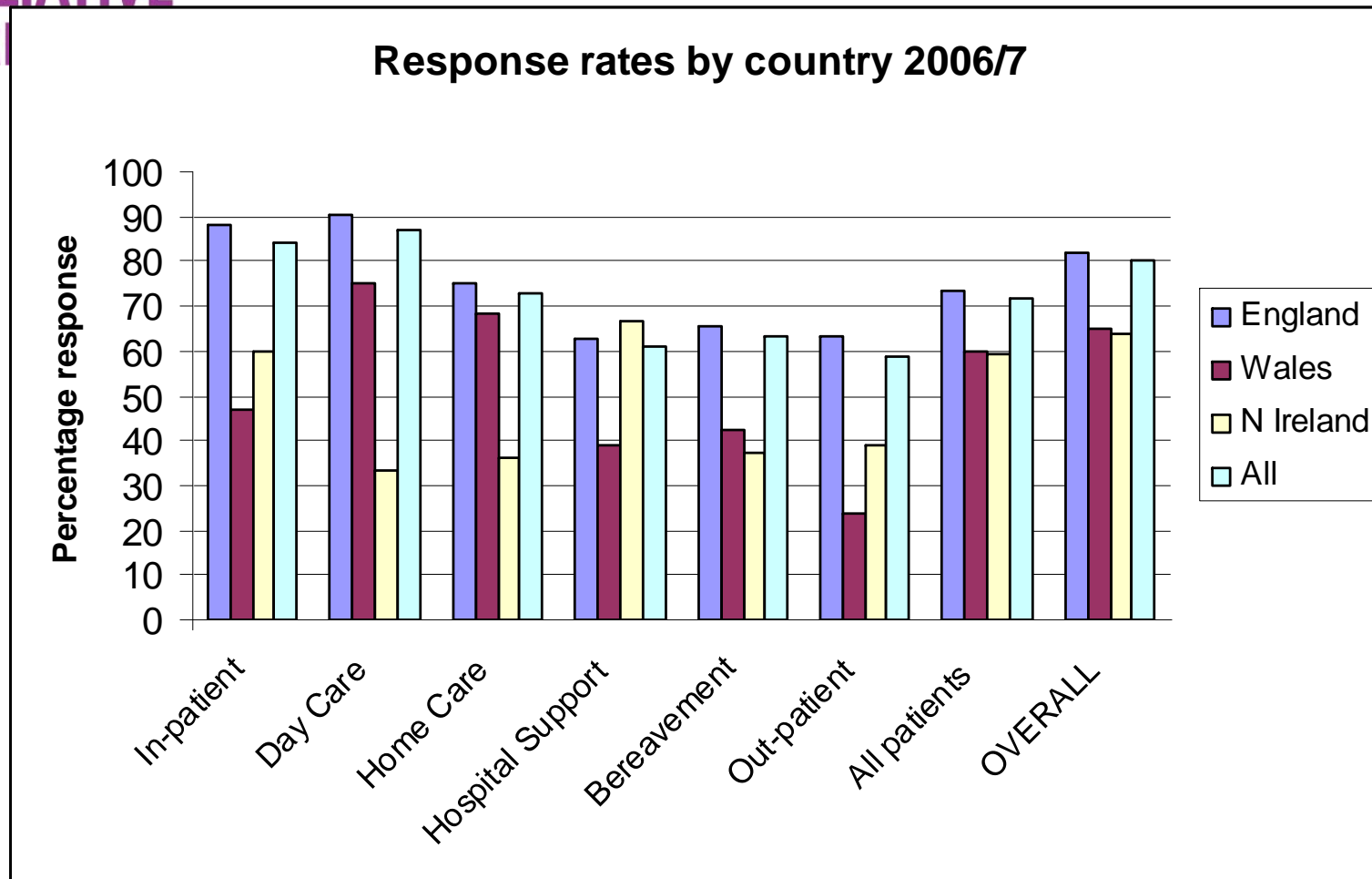
Outline

- **Why has it been changed?**
- **What has been changed?**
- **When it will be introduced?**
- **What should you be doing now?**
- **Form filling**
- **Submitting the data**

Background

- **500 services – NHS and voluntary**
- **2000 forms sent**
- **1600 returned**

Response Rate



Why change?

- **Reflect more accurately the work of specialist palliative care services**
- **Provide a valuable baseline**

Dropped

- **Section 7**
- **Reason for referral**
- **Referral at diagnosis or later**
- **Some locations before admission**
- **Lives alone**
- **Carer's relationship**

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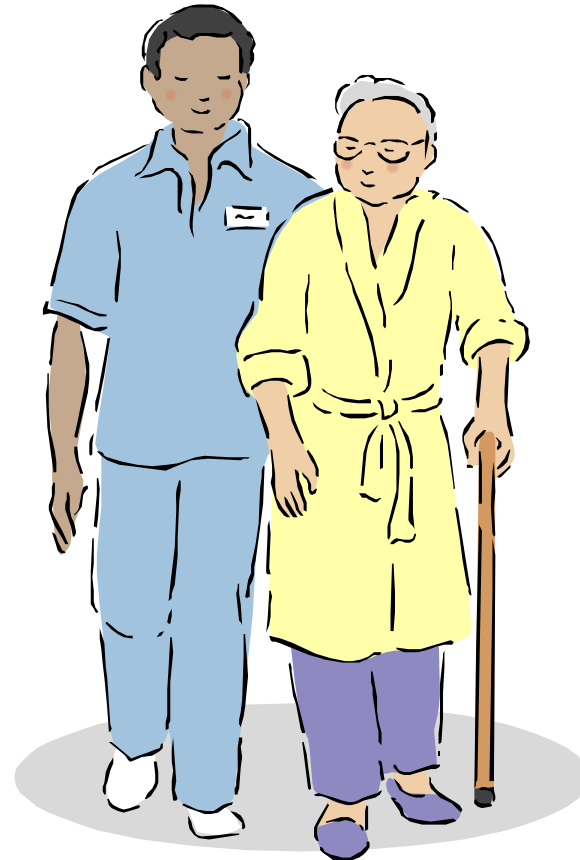
- **Age 16-18**
- **Contacts without referral**
- **Day care consultations**
- **Day care interventions**
- **Telephone consultations**
- **Detailed diagnosis**
- **Detailed ethnicity**

Standardisation

- **Complementary therapies**
- **Integrated services**

More Accuracy

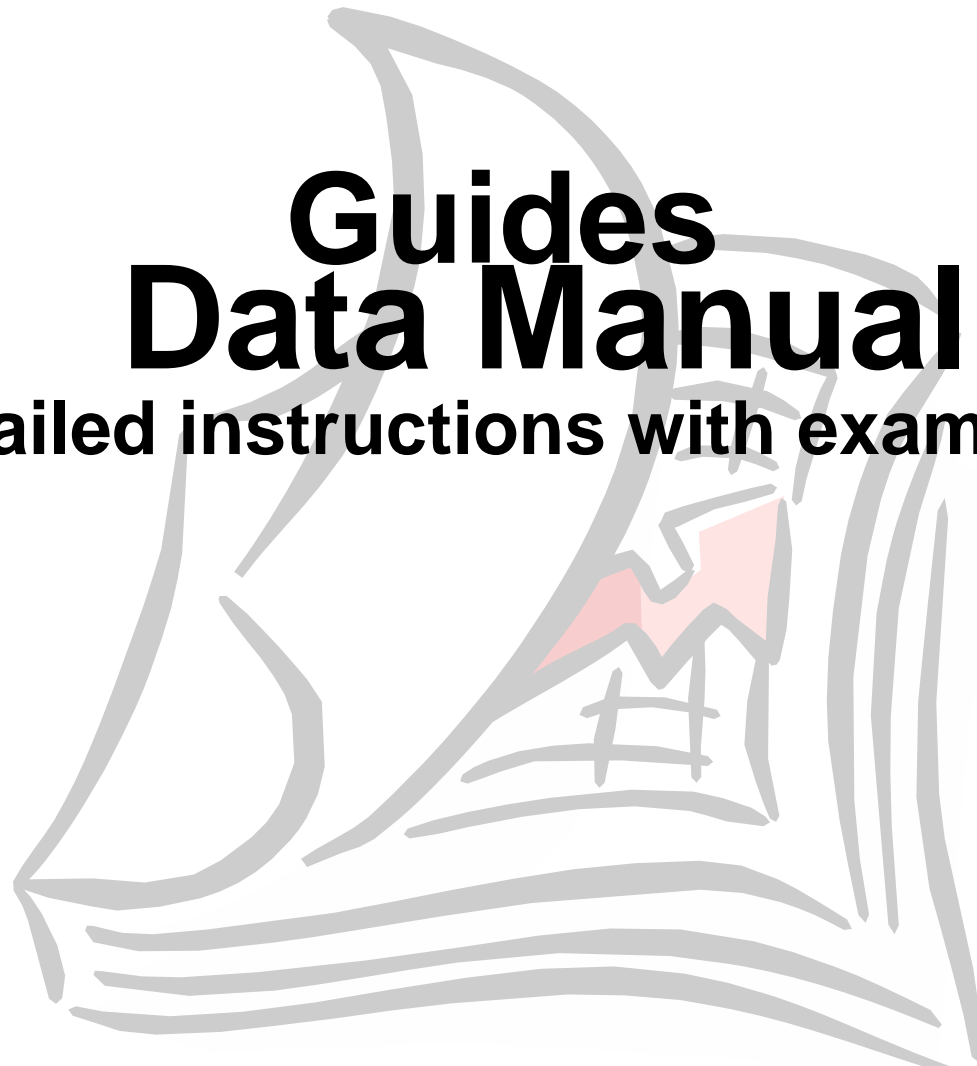
- Deaths
- Discharges
- Continuing patients



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Guides Data Manual

Detailed instructions with examples



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The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window with the address bar containing http://www.ncpc.org.uk/policy_unit/mds/mds2008.html. The page content includes a contact email mds@ncpc.org.uk and a list of downloadable forms and guides for the MDS-2008. The list includes:

- Revision 1 (30KB)
- Introduction (98KB)
- Section 1 - Specialist Palliative Inpatient Services (171KB)
- Guide to Section 1 (66KB)
- Section 2 - Specialist Palliative Day Therapy (162KB)
- Guide to Section 2 (70KB)
- Section 3 - Specialist Palliative Care Community Services (188KB)
- Guide to Section 3 (70KB)
- Section 4 - Specialist Palliative Care Hospital Support (196KB)
- Guide to Section 4 (64KB)
- Section 5 - Specialist Palliative Care Bereavement Service (116KB)
- Guide to Section 5 (65KB)
- Section 6 - Specialist Palliative Care Outpatient Service (165KB)
- Guide to Section 6 (65KB)

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Timelines

- Services to collect data from April 2008
- National collection of data in April 2009



Before April 2008

**What needs to be
collected**

**Informing all staff
concerned**

Software systems

Change of contact



Before April 2009

- Is correct data being collected?**
- Are your reporting systems in place?**
- Does NCPC have your correct contact details?**
- Baseline data correct?**



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April 2009

Which forms?

**Who is
responsible?**



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Checking before submission

Attendances > places?

Contacts < clients?

Clinics > attendances?

Blank or 0?

Totals adding up?



Electronic submission

- Submit online (80% already do that)
- Download forms and email
- Saves time
- Saves cost
- Prevents input errors

Checklist

- **Have you studied the forms and Guides?**
- **Have you any queries?**
- **Have all staff been informed?**
- **Does everyone know what they should be collecting?**
- **Have the IT people been informed?**
- **Does NCPC know your contact details?**

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