

## **Public Consultation Feedback Form**

The Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) is an independent statutory body established to promote safety and quality in the provision of health and social care services. HIQA has a responsibility to develop standards, recommendations and guidance to support the Irish digital health and health information landscape to ensure safer, better care for people using health and social care services.

HIQA is now in the process of revising the National Standard for Hospital Discharge Information. The National Standard for Hospital Discharge Information defines the core set of data elements required when a patient, whether adult or child, is discharged from an acute hospital back to the care of the Primary Care healthcare professional, to provide safe, high-quality care and support. Examples of data collected in a discharge document include admission details, clinical summary, medications on discharge and ongoing clinical care plan.

The consultation gives people the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft standard and become involved in the development process by submitting their views.

HIQA will carefully assess all feedback received and use it, along with other available evidence, to revise the National Standard for Hospital Discharge Information. Before you complete this consultation feedback form, please read the instructions for submitting feedback on the following pages.

The consultation closes at 5pm on Wednesday, 5 November 2025.

## **Data Protection and Freedom of Information (FOI)**

This consultation is being conducted in accordance with data protection law, including the GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018.

HIQA will only collect and store personal information during this consultation for the purposes of verifying your feedback, or where you have indicated that you would like to be contacted to participate in future focus groups.

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Following the consultation, HIQA will publish a report summarising the responses received, which will include the names and types of organisations that submitted feedback. For that reason, it would be helpful if you could explain if you regard the information you have provided as being confidential or commercially sensitive.

Please note that HIQA is subject to the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act and the statutory Code of Practice for Public Bodies in relation to FOI. HIQA cannot give you an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances, due to the requirements of the FOI Act.

By submitting your feedback, you are agreeing to participate in this consultation.

### **Instructions for submitting feedback**

- If you are commenting on behalf of a service or organisation, please combine all feedback from your organisation into one submission form and include the details of the service or organisation.
- Please do not paste other tables into the boxes already provided — type directly into the box as the box expands.
- If you are handwriting responses, please feel free to use additional paper.
- Please spell out any abbreviations that you use.
- Please specify the relevant section or data element number to help identify the feature to which the feedback relates.

## 1. About you

### 1.1 Are you providing feedback as:

an individual

*(If you would like to be contacted to participate in future stakeholder engagement, please provide your name and contact number below. Otherwise please skip.)*

on behalf of an organisation

*(If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide your organisation's name and contact details below for verification purposes.)*

### 1.2 Are you commenting:

In a professional capacity?

*(Please use the box below to specify your role in the organisation you currently work for.)*

If yes, is this a clinical role?

Yes ☐

No ☐

If yes, please include clinical role details

As a member of the public/user of health and social care services?

*(If you would like to provide any additional details, please share in the box below.)*

## 2. Feedback on the draft standard

In this section, we would like to capture your opinion about the content of the hospital discharge information dataset. This section focuses on the data elements, their descriptions and associated conformance, cardinality and guidance. The questions in this section are not intended in any way to limit your feedback, and other comments relating to the draft standard are welcome.

### 2.1 Have all the appropriate data elements been included in the discharge information dataset?

☐ Yes

☐ No – if no, please specify the additional data elements that you think should be included and state why.

### 2.2 Are there any data elements that you would remove from the discharge information dataset?

☐ Yes - if yes, please specify the data elements that you would remove below and state why. Please include the relevant data element number.

For example, "2.2 - Remove as this should not be required in a discharge information document due to ....."

☐ No

## 2.3 Do the descriptions provided for each data element clearly explain the data elements?

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Yes

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No – if no, please suggest improvements. Please include the relevant data element number.

For example, "2.3.1 - change description to include information on ....."

## 2.4 Do you agree with the conformance for each data element?

Conformance indicates whether the data element is mandatory, required or optional.

- a) Mandatory: The information must be included.
- b) Required: If it exists, the information should be included.
- c) Optional: A local decision is made as to whether the information is included.

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Yes

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No – if no, state why. Please include the relevant data element number.

For example, "5.1.2 - change the conformance of this data element from required to optional because ....."

## 2.5 Do you agree with the cardinality for each data element?

Cardinality refers to how many entries can be made for a data element. Some data elements may require a zero, one or many entries.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No – if no, state why. Please include the relevant data element number.

For example, "5.2.4 - due to ..... the cardinality of this data element should be changed from 0...1 to 0...\*"

## 2.6 Do you agree with the value for each element?

Value refers to how the information should be recorded, such as; free text, coded value, alpha-numeric value, numeric, date, or multimedia in a coded format.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No – if no, state why. Please include the relevant data element number.

For example, "6.2 - change the value of this data element from free text to coded because ....."



## **2.7 Is the guidance provided throughout the document clear and easy to understand?**

Guidance for each data element is provided at a high level in the dataset.

☐ Yes

☐ No – if no, please suggest improvements. Please include the relevant data element number.

For example, "8.4 - include ..... in the guidance for this data element to provide better clarity to the end user"

## **3. General feedback**

### **3.1 Do you think the language used in the draft standard is clear, easy to follow and easy to understand?**

☐ Yes

☐ No – if no, please suggest improvements, including the relevant data element number, if appropriate.

**3.2 Do you think the content and structure of the draft standard is clear, easy to follow and easy to understand?**

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Yes

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No – if no, please suggest improvements.

**3.3 Are there any general comments you wish to make in relation to the draft standard?**

## **4. Use of the standard in practice**

**4.1 What will help to support the implementation of this standard in the service that you use or work in? (For example, additional guidance, tools or educational material.)**

**Thank you for your input. We will carefully assess all information received and use it, along with other evidence, to inform the revision of the draft standard.**