A&E Dataset review (Appendix)

The A&E dataset is currently under review in order to ensure it remains fit for purpose. At present there is significant variation in how data items are recorded.

The main aims of the dataset review are:

- To improve collection and completion rates by simplifying the list of codes, particularly within the injuries data items.
- To establish a single coding structure for diagnosis to be collected by every Board.
- To ensure the A&E dataset is responsive to changing requirements, e.g. collection of alcohol/substance misuse information.

The dataset review is proposing that the following data items should be removed from the datasets they are either poorly submitted, poorly collected or not useful at a National level.

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<th>Impairment</th>
<th>Religion</th>
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<td>Date and time of event</td>
<td>Time since injury</td>
<td>Patient management type</td>
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<td>Discharge type</td>
<td>Referred to (1-3)</td>
<td>Procedure (1-3)</td>
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<td>Activity when injured</td>
<td>Bodily location of injury</td>
<td>Common preventative measures</td>
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<td>Nature of injury</td>
<td>Objects/substances involved in producing injury</td>
<td>Alcohol involved</td>
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<td>Health care professional responsible for care</td>
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The dataset review is also proposing that changes are made to the following data items:

- Referral source – change in codes due to confusion over the definition of self referral
- Triage category – change in codes
- Reason for wait – change in codes
- Discharge destination – change in codes
- Diagnosis items – change in codes
- Place of occurrence of incident – change in codes
- Intent of injury – change in codes
- External cause of injury – change in codes
- Suspected drugs/alcohol involved – change in codes

The full dataset review document has not gone out for consultation as the College of Emergency Medicine (CEM) is currently undertaking a review of their A&E dataset and the impact of their changes need to be taken into account for the A&E datamart.