

Health service event—first service contact date, DDMMYYYY

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	First health service contact date
METEOR identifier:	447930
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 07/12/2011
Definition:	The date on which first contact is made between a health care provider and one or more persons for assessment, care, consultation and/or treatment, expressed as DDMMYYYY.
Data Element Concept:	Health service event—first service contact date

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Date
Data type:	Date/Time
Format:	DDMMYYYY
Maximum character length:	8

Data element attributes

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	See also Health service event—service request received date, DDMMYYYY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 07/12/2011
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Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Lung cancer \(clinical\) DSSHealth](#), Superseded 14/05/2015

DSS specific information:

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[Radiotherapy waiting times DSS 2012-13Health](#), Superseded 13/11/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

Conditional obligation:

Every record must contain either this item or [Patient—radiotherapy start date, DDMMYYYY](#).

DSS specific information:

This is the date of the patient's first ever consultation at a particular establishment with a radiation oncologist. Subsequent consultations the patient has at the same establishment (with the same or different radiation oncologist or for the same or a new diagnosis) are not within scope of the RWT DSS.