

Translating the Headings used in the NMSD Excel Spreadsheet

NMSD Excel (unprintable colour-coded, unreadable tiny print, to most front line clinicians gobbledegook) spreadsheet described as "[Initial release Pase 1. Version 3.7](#)" [Accessed on website on 20 Nov 2010)

When most recently checked had the following incomprehensible columns.

1. Global Number,
2. Data Item Name,
3. Data Item Description (New name for what was previously called Values),
4. Format,
5. National Code (Proposed),
6. National Code Definition,
7. Repeating Group per pregnancy or baby
8. Information Requirement (Purpose)
9. Data Dictionary Element,
10. Mandatory/Required/Optional,
11. Input or Derived,
12. Derived Calculation,
13. Worksheet.

For the sake of clarity the first six Excel table column IT jargon headings can be translated as follows:

1. Global Number= Number exclusive to the NHS-Information Centre

2. Worksheet = Section Heading e.g. **A. Mother's Demographics.**

3. Data Item Name = Question

4. Data Item Description = Help Text

5. *Format* = Allowable Type of Answer

e.g. [N2] = two numbers/digits/integers, letters not allowed

[an] = Alpha-Numeric Answers allowed. [an10] = 10 numbers or letters

[yyymmdd] = Date 100123 = 23 Jan 10, backwards to allow sorting by date

[ccyyymmdd] = Date 20100123 = 23 Jan 2010 backwards to allow sorting by date

[ccyyymmdd hh:mm] = Date and Time

6. *Values* = Allowable Answer Options

For example:

B. Mothers Demographics & Booking

B1. Age (Mother at Booking)? NMSD Global Number: 17200070

The age in years of the mother at the Appointment Date (FORMAL Antenatal Booking). This is derived from the mother's PERSON Birth Date and the FIRST Antenatal ASSESSMENT Date

[n2 - representing years]