

CFR Information Standard

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Introduction

The Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council protects the public by independently specifying, reviewing, maintaining and monitoring standards of excellence for the delivery of quality pre-hospital emergency care for people in Ireland.

PHECC is charged under our Establishment Order (Statutory Instrument No. 109 of 2000).

(f) advise the Minister of the standards which should inform the education and training of emergency medical technicians in the State;

To fulfil this commitment PHECC develops and supports the national implementation of EMS information standards, associated patient reports and data completion standards across all PHECC recognised licenced providers; statutory, private, auxiliary and voluntary. The standards provide definitions for all of the data elements, data types and data domains on the patient reports completed nationally by all licenced providers.

The benefits of good quality data include providing:

- Accurate information to enable informed decision making in the delivery of safe quality care (1).
- Documentary evidence to assist the practitioner meet his/her CPC requirements.
- Data for quality, robust clinical audit.
- Data to support the legal requirements under the Data Protection Acts (2).
- Data for research into pre-hospital skills, equipment and services (3).
- Data to support the development of Strategic Plans.

The Cardiac First Response Report (CFR) Information Standard consists of the set of data elements about the patient which include but are not exclusive to: name and address, date of birth, key provider response times to the patient, history of complaint, chest compressions and care delivered.

Safe reliable care depends on access to and use of accurate reliable information. Here is a summary of data quality dimensions (4).

Completion Standard	Description
Accuracy and Factualness	Accurate data is an essential requirement of documentation. Pre-hospital emergency care practitioners and responders must capture data accurately and distinguish between what they observe and what the patient states.
Completeness	Complete data will have all of the information recorded of the interaction which occurred between the practitioner/responder and the patient.
Legibility	The data must be recorded legibly to enable a correct interpretation of the data.
Objectivity	Data must be recorded objectively and not include value judgements.
Timeliness	Data should be recorded real-time or as close to real-time as possible.
Validity	The data is collected in accordance with the data definitions recorded in the current information standard which applies to the patient report which is being completed.

1. Incident data

ID No.	Data Element	Data Domain	Definition	Data Type
1. Incide	nt data			
1.1	Date of call	Day Month Year	Specific day, month and year the call is received at EMS Control Centre. (ref: Definitions to support PHECC EMS Priority Dispatch Standard and PHECC Inter Facility Transfer Standard)	Numeric DD/MM/YYYY
1.2	Passed	Hour Minute Second	Time the dispatch details of the call are passed to the first appropriate emergency response (ref: Definitions to support EMS Priority Dispatch and Inter Facility Transfer Standard)	Numeric 24 hour HH:MM:SS
1.3	At scene	Hour Minute Second	Time of arrival of the ambulance service at the scene (ref: Definitions to support EMS Priority Dispatch and Inter Facility Transfer Standard)	Numeric 24 hour HH:MM:SS
1.4	At patient	Hour Minute Second	Time of arrival of the first appropriate emergency response at the patient. (ref: Definitions to support PHECC EMS Priority Dispatch Standard and PHECC Inter Facility Transfer Standard)	Numeric 24 hour HH:MM:SS
1.5	Clear	Hour Minute Second	Time ambulance/vehicle, crew and equipment available to respond to another incident. (ref: Definitions to support PHECC EMS Priority Dispatch Standard and PHECC Inter Facility Transfer Standard)	Numeric 24 hour HH:MM:SS
1.6	Control Centre (CC)	Code	Licenced provider Control Centre Code (ref: PHECC Control Centre and Station Codes for pre-hospital reports)	Alpha Numeric
	Incident number	Number	Sequential number generated for the incident by the licenced provider	Numeric
1.7	Dispatch Classification Reference	Number range 1-37 Echo, Delta, Charlie, Bravo, Alpha or Omega Number range 1-9 Suffix code	Dispatch Classification advised (ref: Medical Priority Dispatch System)	Numeric Alphabetic
1.8	Incident location address	Address of location of incident	Address to where the ambulance service is dispatched in response to a phone call to EMS Control Centre	Alphanumeric
	Incident Eircode	Code	Location code comprising of routing key and unique identifier	Alpha Numeric
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	Home/residence	Yes No	Place of occurrence of incident. (Ref: ICD 10 AM, external causes of morbidity and mortality) coded in combination with even	Tick box
	Industrial place or premises	Yes No	and mechanism of injury	
	Recreation or sports place	Yes No		
	Street or road	Yes No		
	Public building	Yes No		
	Nursing home/assisted living	Yes No		
	Educational institution	Yes		
		No		





ID No.	Data Element	Data Domain	Definition	Data Type
1.9 Dead	d on arrival (DOA)			
1.9.1	Recognition of death	Yes	Death is recognised on arrival	Tick box
1.10 Foreign body airway obstruction (FBAO)				
1.10.1	FBAO	Yes	An early clinical impression of the presenting injury	Tick box

2. Patient demographics

2. Patie	ent Demographics			
2.1	Title	Dr/Ms/Mr/Mrs/Prof	A prefix added to a name	Tick box
2.2	Surname	Surname	Their family name, surname, last name or marital name	Free text - Alphabetic
2.3	Forename	First name	The given name, first name or forename	
2.4	Individual Health Identifier (IHI)	Code	An Individual Health Identifier can be defined as the designation permanently assigned to an individual for the purpose of identification to facilitate the provision of health and social care in both public and private care	Alphanumeric
2.5	Date of birth	Day Month Year	Specific day, month and year the patient was born	Numeric DD/MM/YYYY
2.6	Age	Age	Age of patient, recorded in days, weeks months or years as appropriate	Numeric
2.7	Gender	Male Female Intersex or Indetermined Not stated/Inadequately described	Classification of sex of patient	Tick box M/F/I/U

3. Cardiac arrest

3.1 Chest pain				
3.1.1	Chest pain on arrival	Yes No Unknown	Record of chest pain	Tick box 24 hour HH:MM
3.1.2	Time of chest pain	Hour Minute	Time or best estimate of time of chest pain	24 hour HH:MM
3.2 Collap	se 			
3.2.1	Time of collapse	Hour Minute	Time of collapse	24 hour HH:MM
3.2.2	Collapse witnessed	Yes No	Record of collapse seen or heard	Tick box Alphabetic



ID No.	Data Element	Data Domain	Definition	Data Type
3.2.1 Ca	tegory of person who v	vitnessed collapse		
	Citizen	Yes	Not dispatched by ambulance control	Tick box Alphabetic
	Responder on duty	Yes	Dispatched by ambulance control	·
	Responder other	Yes	Not dispatched by ambulance control	
	Responder auxillary/ voluntary service	Yes	On duty at or near the scene	
	Practitioner	Yes	Dispatched by ambulance control	
	Doctor or off-duty practitioner	Yes	Dispatched by ambulance control	
	Doctor or off-duty practitioner	Yes	Not dispatched by ambulance control	
	Nurse	Yes	Not dispatched by ambulance control	
	Fire	Yes	Dispatched by relevant control	
	Garda	Yes	Dispatched by relevant control	
3.3 Ches	st Compressions			
	Chest compressions commenced	Yes No	Record of commencement of chest compressions. If no add reason not commenced	Tick box Alphabetic
	Time chest compressions commenced	Hour Minute	Time or best estimate of time chest compressions commenced	24 hour HH:MM Tick box
	Total duration of chest compressions	Hour Minute	Time or best estimate of duration of chest compressions	
	Mechanical cardiopulmonary device	Yes No	Mechanical CPR was /was not used	
	PIN/HSPI	PIN/HSPI	Personal Identification Number (PIN)/ Health Service Provider Identifier (HSPI) assigned to the PHECC practitioner or health professional engaged in the care of the patient	Numeric Alphanumeric
3.3.1 Ca	itegory of person who c	ommenced chest compression	ons	
	Citizen	Yes	Not dispatched by ambulance control	Tick box Alphabetic
	Responder on duty	Yas	Dispatched by ambulance control	

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Citizen	Yes	Not dispatched by ambulance control
Responder on duty	Yes	Dispatched by ambulance control
Responder other	Yes	Not dispatched by ambulance control
Responder auxillary/ voluntary service	Yes	On duty at or near the scene
Practitioner	Yes	Dispatched by ambulance control
Doctor or off-duty practitioner	Yes	Dispatched by ambulance control
Doctor or off-duty practitioner	Yes	Not dispatched by ambulance control
Nurse	Yes	Not dispatched by ambulance control
Fire	Yes	Dispatched by relevant control
Garda	Yes	Dispatched by relevant control

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D No.	Data Element	Data Domain	Definition	Data Type
.4 Defik	orillator pads			
	Defibrillator pads applied	Yes No	Record of application of defibrillator pads	Tick box
	PIN/HSPI	PIN/HSPI	PHECC Personal Identification Number (PIN)/Health Service Provider Identifier (HSPI) assigned to the PHECC practitioner or health professional engaged in the care of the patient	Numeric
.4.1 Ca	tegory of person who	first applied defibrillator p	ads	
	Citizen	Yes	Not dispatched by ambulance control	Tick box
	Responder on duty	Yes	Dispatched by ambulance control	Alphabetic
	Responder other	Yes	Not dispatched by ambulance control	
	Responder auxillary/ voluntary service	Yes	On duty at or near the scene	
	Practitioner	Yes	Dispatched by ambulance control	
	Doctor or off-duty practitioner	Yes	Dispatched by ambulance control	
	Doctor or off-duty practitioner	Yes	Not dispatched by ambulance control	
	Nurse	Yes	Not dispatched by ambulance control	
	Fire	Yes	Dispatched by relevant control	
	Garda	Yes	Dispatched by relevant control	
5 Card	iac arrest rhythm			
	Initial rhythm	Shockable Unshockable	Was initial rhythm a shockable rhythm	Tick box Alphabetic
	Specify rhythm	Ventricular fibrillation	What was first cardiac rhythm recorded prior to defibrillation	
		Ventricular tachycardia		
		Unknown rhythm - shock advised		
		Unknown rhythm - no shock advised		
		Asystole		
		Pulseless electrical activity		
	Time first rhythm analysis	Hour Minute	Time or best estimated first cardiac rhythm recorded prior to defibrillation	24 hour HH:MM



Data Element	Data Domain	Definition	Data Type
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Was shock advised	Yes No	When defibrillator pads applied was shock advised by defibrillator	Tick box
PIN/HSPI	PIN/HSPI	PHECC Personal Identification Number (PIN)/Health Service Provider Identifier (HSPI) assigned to the PHECC practitioner or health professional engaged in the care of the patient	Numeric Alphanumeric
Was shock delivered	Yes No	When defibrillator advised shock, was shock delivered	Tick box
	No shock advised		
Defibrillator malfunction	Yes No	Record of malfunction of defibrillator	Tick box
Total shocks delivered	Number	Number of shocks delivered	Numeric
Time first shock delivered	Time	Time first shock delivered	24 hour HH:MM

3.6.1 Category of person who delivered first shock

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3.6 Shock

Citizen	Yes	Not dispatched by ambulance control
Responder on duty	Yes	Dispatched by ambulance control
Responder other	Yes	Not dispatched by ambulance control
Responder auxillary/ voluntary service	Yes	On duty at or near the scene
Practitioner	Yes	Dispatched by ambulance control
Doctor or off-duty practitioner	Yes	Dispatched by ambulance control
Doctor or off-duty practitioner	Yes	Not dispatched by ambulance control
Nurse	Yes	Not dispatched by ambulance control
Fire	Yes	Dispatched by relevant control
Garda	Yes	Dispatched by relevant control





Tick box Alphabetic

ID No.	Data Element	Data Domain	Definition	Data Type		
3.7 Retu	3.7 Return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC)					
	ROSC at any stage	Yes No	ROSC returned at any stage during the cardiac incident	Tick box		
3.7.1 Ca	tegory of person who	first achieved return of spont	aneous circulation (ROSC)			
	Citizen	Yes	Not dispatched by ambulance control	Tick box		
	Responder on duty	Yes	Dispatched by ambulance control	Alphabetic		
	Responder other	Yes	Not dispatched by ambulance control			
	Responder auxillary/voluntary service	Yes	On duty at or near the scene			
	Practitioner	Yes	Dispatched by ambulance control			
	Doctor or off-duty practitioner	Yes	Dispatched by ambulance control			
	Doctor or off-duty practitioner	Yes	Not dispatched by ambulance control			
	Nurse	Yes	Not dispatched by ambulance control			
	Fire	Yes	Dispatched by relevant control			
	Garda	Yes	Dispatched by relevant control			
3.8 CPR	3.8 CPR in progress when transporting					
	CPR in progress on transfer to hospital	Yes No	Patient transferred to hospital while CPR in progress	Tick box		
3.9 Spor	3.9 Spontaneous circulation on arrival to hospital					
	Spontaneous circulation on arrival to hospital	Yes No	Spontaneous circulation on arrival to hospital	Tick box		

4. Doctor in attendance

ID No.	Data Element	Data Domain	Definition	Data Type	
4. Doctor i	4. Doctor in attendance				
	Doctor in attendance	Yes No MCRN	Doctor in attendance	Tick box Alphanumeric	

5. Medication management

5.1 Medications				
Medication	Medication Name	Medications available to responders as per current edition of PHECC CPGs	Alphanumeric	



ID No.	Data Element	Data Domain	Definition	Data Type		
5.1.1 Do	1.1 Dose of medication for administration					
	Dose of medication for administration	Measurement in addition to the following:	Unit of measurement of administered medication	Alphabetic		
		Short code - g (grams)				
		Short code - L (litres)				
		Short code - mcg (micrograms)				
		Short code - Mg (Milligrams)				
		Short code - mL (milliliters)				
		Short code mEq/L (Milli Equivalent per liter)				
		Short code - % (percent)				
5.1.2 Ro	oute of medication for	administration				
	Route	Short code - PO (oral)	Route of administered medication	Alphabetic		
		Short code - INH (inhalation)				
		Short code - SL (sublingual)				
		Short code - BU (buccal) BU				

6. Care management

6.1 Interventions			
Time	Hour Minute	Time medication administered	24 hour HH:MM
PIN	Practitioner PIN/HSPI	PHECC Personal Identification Number (PIN)/Health Service Provider Identifier (HSPI) assigned to the PHECC practitioner or health professional engaged in the care of the patient	Numeric
Oropharangeal airway (OPA)	Yes No	Airway care management intervention	Tick box
Supraglottic airway (SGA)	Yes No		
Suction	Yes No		
Positioning	Yes No	Recovery position/other	Tick box



7. FAST assessment

ID No.	Data Element	Data Domain	Definition	Data Type		
7. FAST	7. FAST assessment					
	Facial movement present on request	Yes No	Rapid assessment tool to assist in the early recognition of stroke (CVA)	Tick box		
	Arm movement present on request	Yes No				
	Speech difficult or slurred	Yes No				
	Time	Not required	Time to call emergency services if you see any of these signs	Not required		
	Time of onset	Hour Minute	Time or best estimate of onset of symptoms	24 hour HH:MM		

8. Cardiac First Response Report handover

8. Cardiac First Response Report handover				
CFR Report handover	Yes No	CFR Report completed and handed over to the ambulance service	Tick box	
Signature PIN	Text PIN	PHECC Personal Identification Number (PIN) of registered pre-hospital emergency care practitioner engaged in the care of the patient/Health Service Provider Identifier (HSPI) assigned to the healthcare professional	Alphabetic** PIN **storage of signature image to be explored	



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