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HCAI Data Capture System User Manual

Unlock Request

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Introduction

All data entered onto the HCAI Data Capture System (DCS) for a month-long period is, verified and signed off by the NHS acute Trusts'/Independent Sector Healthcare Providers' Chief Executive Officer on the 15th of the following month, for example, data for July 2015 must be checked, verified and signed-off by 15th August 2015.

Once a data period has been signed-off, the mandatory fields are then locked. This means that the NHS acute Trusts/Independent Sector Healthcare Providers are unable to add a new case to the signed-off time period, nor can they either delete any of the cases or modify any of the mandatory fields on cases that have been previously entered for this time period. In exceptional circumstances such as those stated in the list below, the NHS acute Trust/Independent Sector Healthcare Provider may request the unlocking of a period in order to amend the data entered for their organisation.

- To amend a mandatory field on the Episode Details Tab
- To add a case that has been missed
- To delete a case that has been entered in error, for example a case that has been found to be a false positive.
- To delete a duplicate case (please note: only duplicates identified soon after "Sign-Off" may be removed from the HCAI DCS).

How to request the Unlock of a signed-off data period

Users must send an email to mandatory.surveillance@phe.gov.uk to request an unlock for a period in order for changes to be made. The request can only come from the organisation which entered the case(s) that need to be amended, deleted or added. Please note that a request to unlock a period in order to either <u>add or delete case(s)</u> will need to be sent from the NHS acute Trusts'/Independent Sector Healthcare Providers' CEO, while a request for an unlock to <u>amend</u> a case in a locked period only needs to be copied to the NHS acute Trusts'/Independent Sector Healthcare Providers' CEO.

The unlock request email must include the information in Table 1.

Table 1 Unlock request email requirements

Required Data for Unlock	Notes
Organism	The HCAI DCS can only be unlocked by organism.
	The user must specify either MRSA, MSSA or <i>E. coli</i>
	bacteraemia or CDI.
Month	The month of which the specimen was tested.
Type of change and reason for unlock	Whether the unlock is for an amendment, deletion or
	addition and a brief reason for the required change.
Case ID's	The Case ID of the case/s involved in an amendment
	or deletion must be provided.
	NB. Please do not include any Patient Identifiable Information in the email. The case ID is sufficient for uniquely identifying any patient entered onto the system

Once PHE mandatory surveillance team has received and reviewed the unlock request, users will be contacted to arrange a suitable time (during normal working hours) for their dataset to be unlocked. Datasets will always be re-locked by the PHE mandatory surveillance team at 5pm and cannot remain unlocked overnight.

Additions to the data can then be made by following the steps to create a case using the Case Capture User Guide. Alternatively, to delete a case, please follow the steps in the Search User Guide in order to find the case in question, then select the record by ticking the check box next to it and click on the 'Delete' button (see Figure 1).

Figure 1: How to delete a case

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If you wish to amend a case, then please follow the steps in the Search User Guide in order to find the case in question (as for deleting a case), but then instead of deleting the case, please click on 'View' which is next to the record (see Figure 2), this will then take you to the case capture screens and you can then amend the case as needed.

Figure 2: How to view a case to amend it

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