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Smarter Care through Better Standards

10th September 2026

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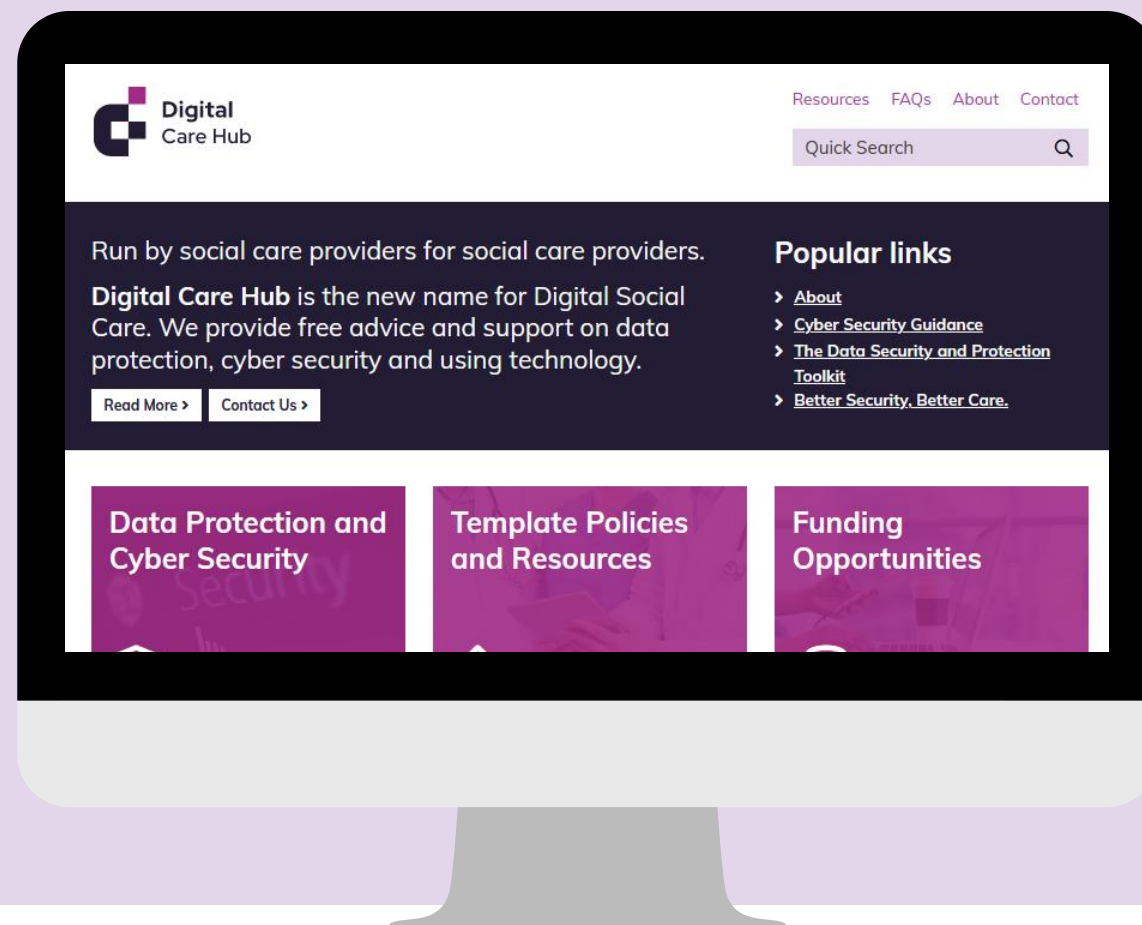
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Our work supports over 20,000 care providers across England to adopt digital tools securely, improve quality of care, and build digital confidence across the sector.



Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Name
12:00 – 12:10	Welcome and Housekeeping	Katie Thorn
12:10 – 12:40	Overview of the Standards Directory from NHS Standards Directory/Adult Social Care Standards Directory	Dan Wootton Scott Reid Bharat Sharma
12:40-13:20	Panel Discussion – Katie Thorn (Chair)	Khaled Gamiet, Qwickify Taffy Gatawa, EveryLife Technologies / CASPA
13:20 – 13:30	Q and A	Katie Thorn
13:30	Close	

NHS Standards Directory/Adult Social Care Standards Directory – Bharat Sharma, Dan Wootton, Scott Reid, NHS England



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Adult Social Care Standards Directory

adultsocialcarestandards.nhs.uk

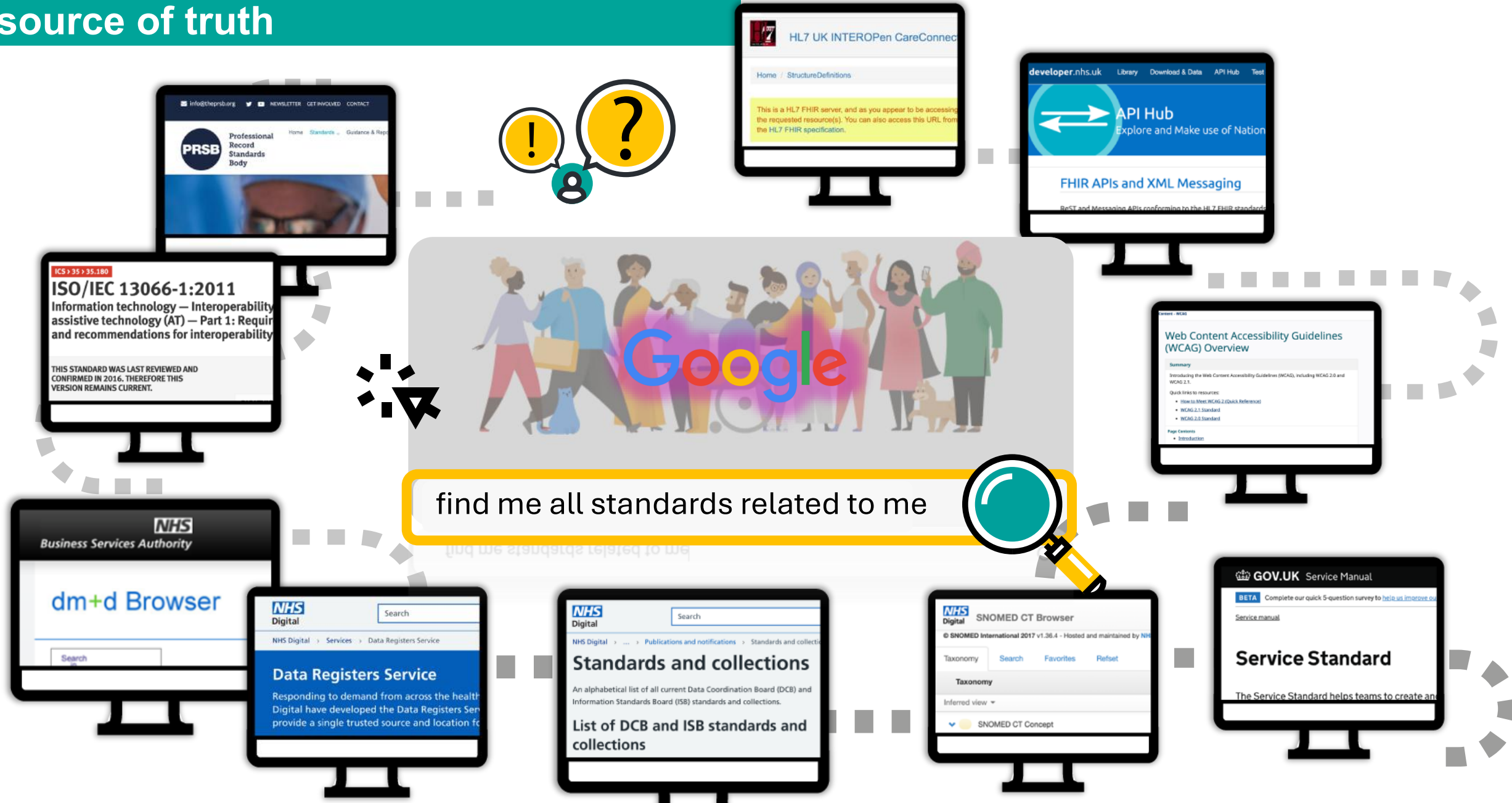
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Many sites but no official single source of truth



Mission

How we do it?

The NHS and Adult Social Care Standards Directory is bringing working standards metadata into a single federated system to support their creation, publication & adoption.



Clarity



Content



Context



Compliance



Connections



Conversations



Collaboration

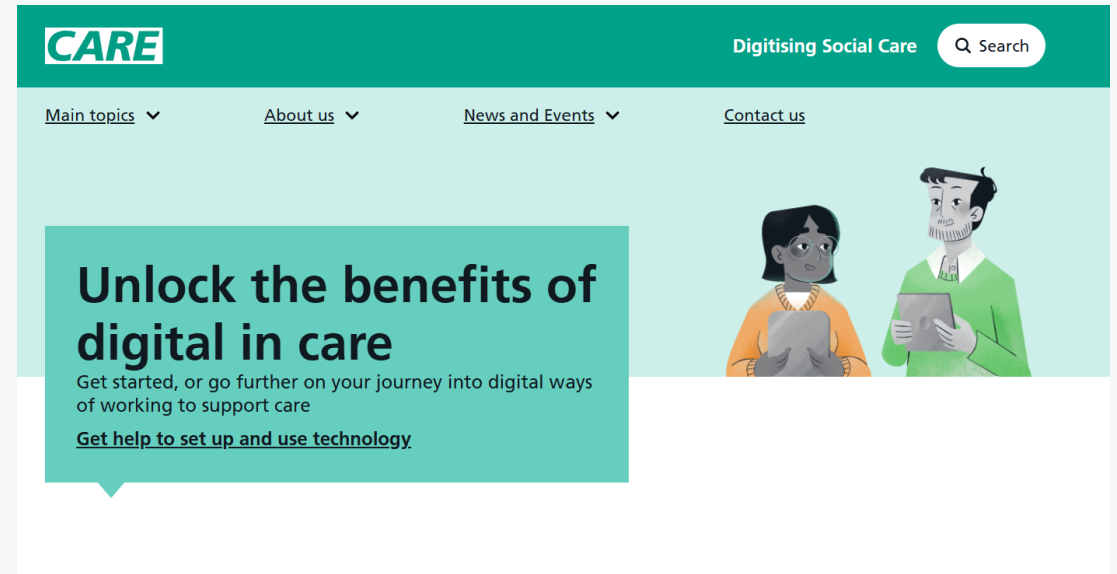
- standards must be accessible & understandable to all
- rich structured summaries in a variety of forms for diverse audiences
- tag with relevant topics & audiences enabling personalised search
- ability to check & declare standards compliance by use case & law
- visualisation, integration & navigation of related standards / knowledge
- feeds of collated conversations around a particular standard or forum
- co-design direct with standard developers via a collaborative space



Digitising Social Care Record (DSCR) and Minimum Operational Data Standard (MODS)

Building upon the alpha products developed during 2022/23, the NHSE DiSC Programme commissioned MetadataWorks (MDW) as the delivery partner for the ASC Terminology Project, which ran for three years to April 2025. This process led to the development of the Digitising Social Care Web page.

Across 2025/26, sections of this material were moved to the NHS Standards Directory.



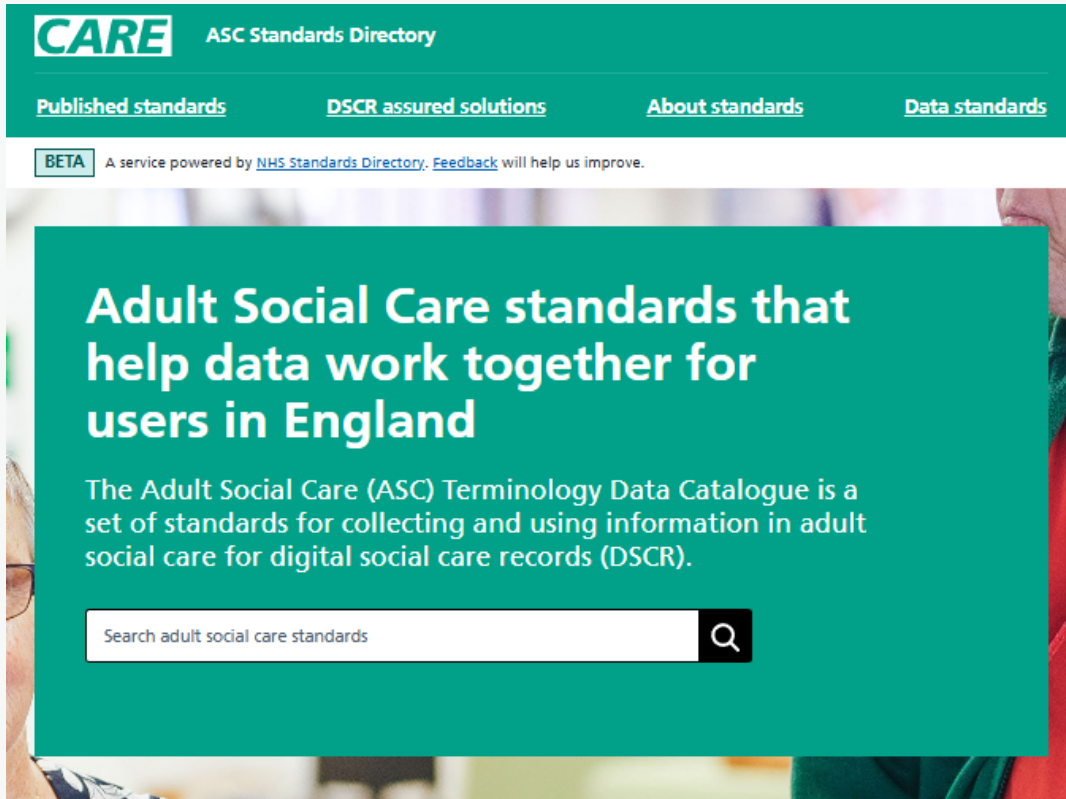
[Data Standards for Social Care | Digitising Social Care](#)

Digitising Social Care Record (DSCR) and Minimum Operational Data Standard (MODS)



The Adult Social Care (ASC) Digitising Social Care Record (DSCR) Minimum Operational Data Standard (MODS) has been developed by the digitising social care programme (DiSC) from 2022 with people from across the sector to provide a set of standard data and definitions to help care providers receive information in the same format, and label it the same way, across all care systems in England.

Digitising Social Care Record (DSCR) and Minimum Operational Data Standard (MODS)



As a part of this work, the NHS Standards Directory built and user-tested a new ‘home page’ for social care standards. This page leads to a search that only retrieves standards that are **relevant to social care**.



Demo

A standards model exists to capture knowledge around standards with full version history

Adult Social Care Digital Social Care Record: Minimum Operational Data Standard (MODS)

Last Updated: 9 Jul 2026, 18:02:35 BST | Finalized: 9 Jul 2026, 18:02:35 BST

DiSC, Default Group, Assurance_Test_ReviewerGroup, RoundSys, Test Group, ASC, TestAssuranceGroup, QCS, CareVitals

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Scope ✓

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Title *	Adult Social Care Digital Social Care Record: Minimum Operational Data Standard (MODS)
Reference code	
Publication version	
Type *	Information standards
Abstract *	The Adult Social Care Record Minimum Operational Data Standard (MODS) exists to ensure a consistent baseline record of direct care data by CQC registered adult social care providers.



allows suppliers to submit evidence of implementation for review at the data class level and get feedback

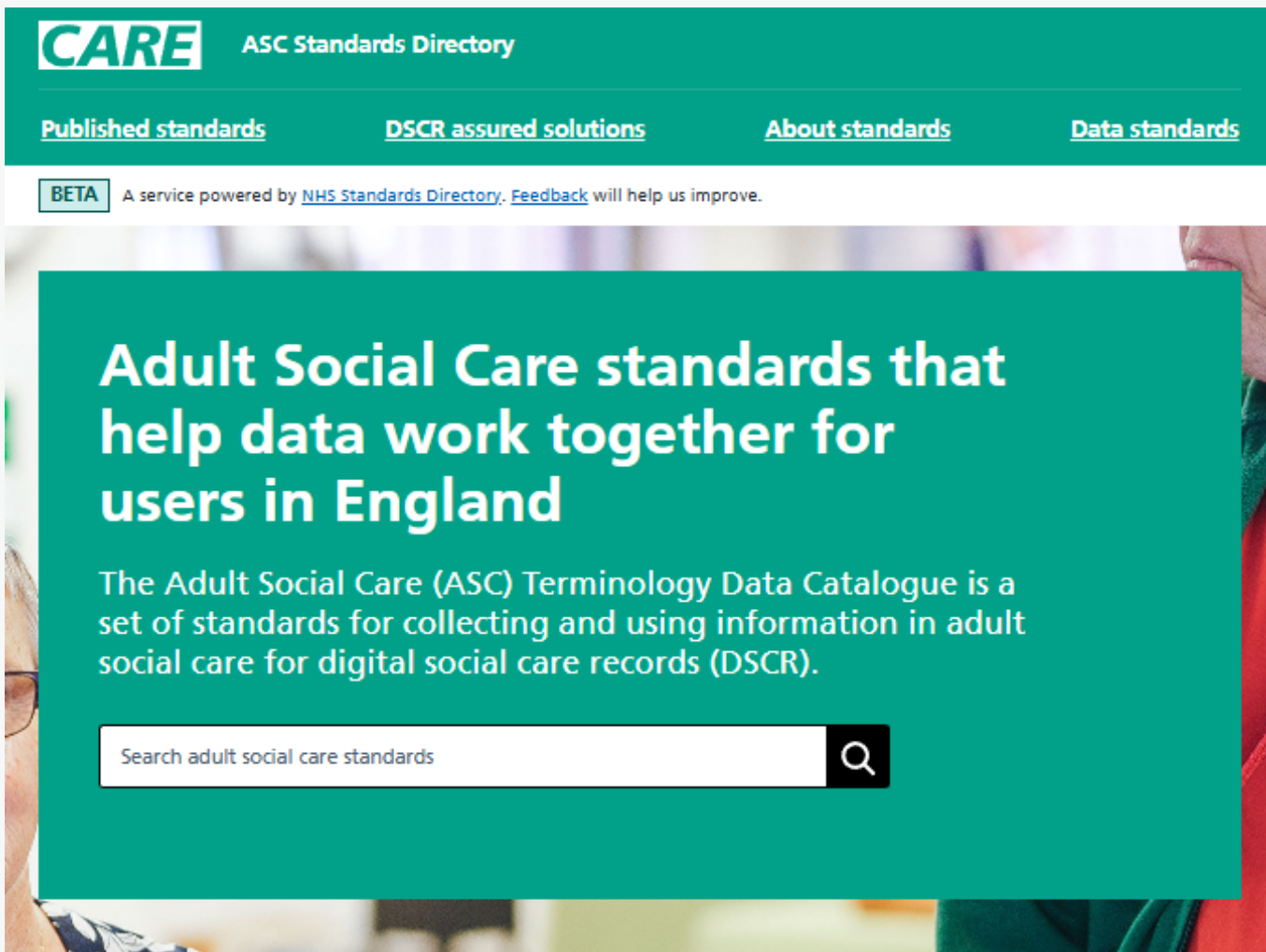
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"Please review admin information and provide further evidence."

Administrative information	Assessment and planning	Audit information
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Should completion: 2 of 81 Should fields comp...	Should completion: 0 of 131 Should fields com...	Should completion: 0 of 4 Should fields compl...
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CARE ASC Standards Directory

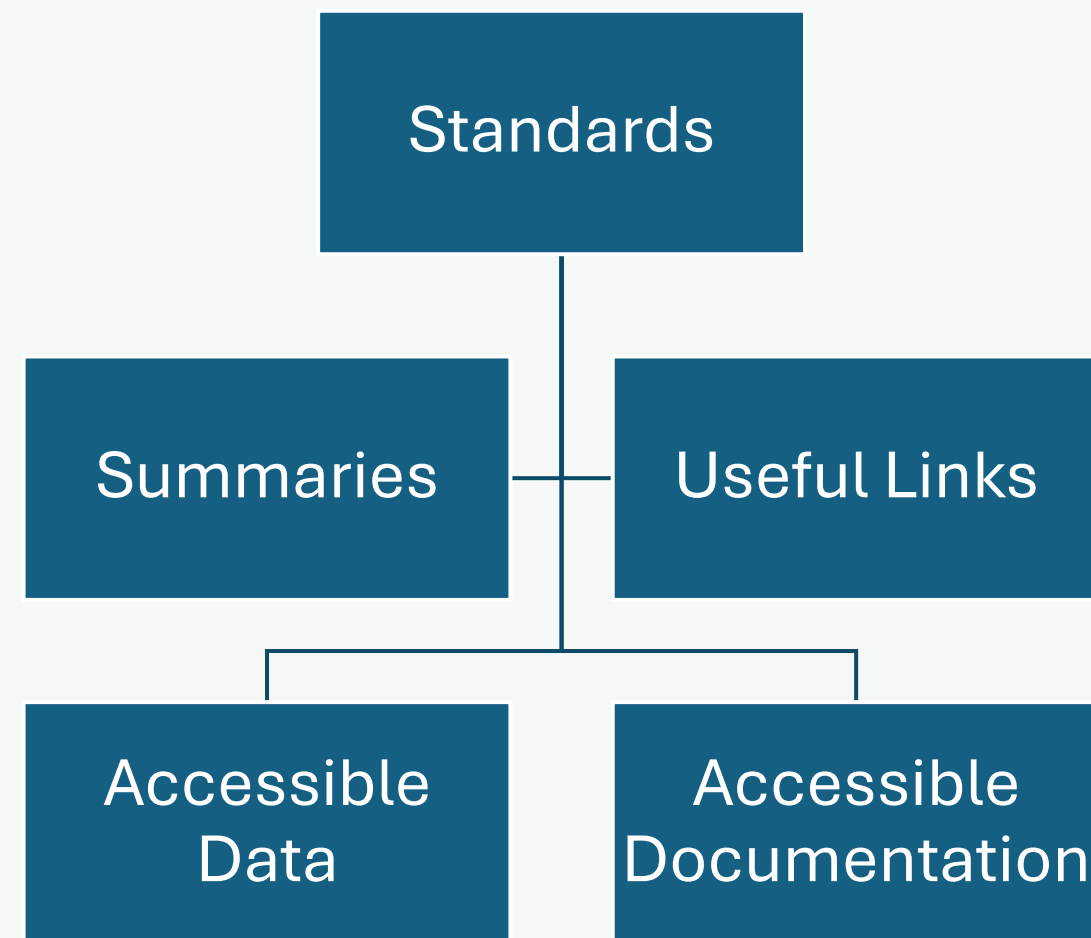
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Adult Social Care standards that help data work together for users in England

The Adult Social Care (ASC) Terminology Data Catalogue is a set of standards for collecting and using information in adult social care for digital social care records (DSCR).

Search adult social care standards



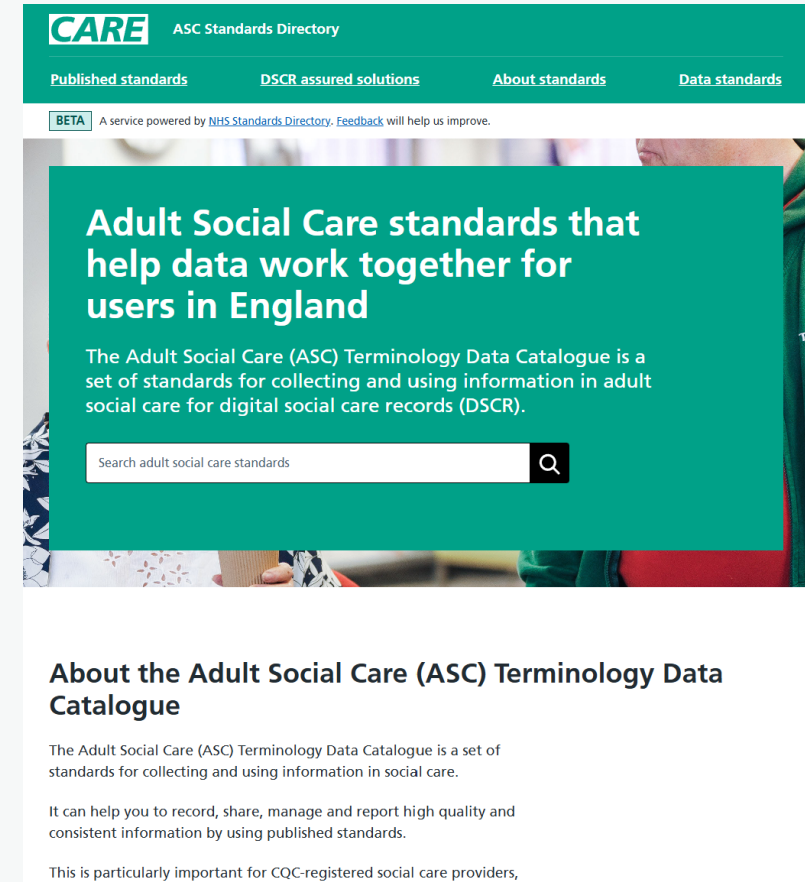


Key Findings & Recommendations

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Home Page

- Users appreciated that the site was specifically tailored to social care users



Key Findings and Recommendations

Search Results

- There was limited interest in standards beyond social care
- Filters should be further tailored to the specific needs of social care
- Relevance sorting should have MODS as the first return option

The screenshot shows the CARE ASC Standards Directory interface. At the top, there's a green header with the CARE logo and navigation links: Published standards, DSCR assured solutions, About standards, and Data standards. Below the header, a search bar is visible with the text 'Search standards' and a magnifying glass icon. To the left of the search results, there's a 'Filters' section with expandable categories: Legally required, Care setting, Topic, Status, Standard type, and Published/Future Standard. The main content area displays '61 results' and lists search results. The first result is 'Adult Social Care Digital Social Care Record: Minimum Operational Data Standard (MODS)', which is a 'Published standard'. It includes a description: 'The Adult Social Care Record Minimum Operational Data Standard (MODS) exists to ensure a consistent baseline record of direct care data by CQC registered adult social care providers.' and its status is 'Active' with a publication date of '31 Mar 2025'. The second result is 'Aggregate Contract Monitoring', also a 'Published standard', with a description: 'Enables the interchange of monthly aggregate contract monitoring data between commissioners and providers of healthcare in a uniform format.' and its status is 'Active' with a publication date of '14 Mar 2025'.

Key Findings and Recommendations

MODS Metadata

- The information contained here largely satisfied user expectations
- Topics list should be shortened
- It should be clearer if links will open a new page

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Adult Social Care Digital Social Care Record: Minimum Operational Data Standard (MODS)

The Adult Social Care Record Minimum Operational Data Standard (MODS) exists to ensure a consistent baseline record of direct care data by CQC registered adult social care providers.

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The standard

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About this standard

Publisher	NHS Transformation Directorate
Publication date	31 March 2025
Status	Active ▶ Show definitions of statuses
Standard type	Information standards

Key Findings and Recommendations

MODS Data Elements

- SNOMED codes **must** be added to the information available through the Standards Directory
- Trade-offs around designs that minimise scrolling VS maximising immediate information should be explored

Adult Social Care Digital Social Care Record: Minimum Operational Data Standard (MODS): data specification

Search classes and elements

Data specification contents

- [Administrative information \(9\)](#) ✓
- [Assessment and planning \(3\)](#) ✓
- [Audit information \(2\)](#) ✓
- [Care actor \(7\)](#) ✓
- [Consent and legal information \(7\)](#) ✓
- [Instructions, Activities, Actions \(3\)](#) ✓
- [Observations \(15\)](#) ✓

Data class

Administrative information

Information recorded when a person interacts with health and social care services and concerning the management of a persons care and those responsible for caring for them.

Relationships

Children

- Address
- Admission details
- Communication
- Discharge details
- Document
- Event
- Location
- Occupancy
- Review

Also used in these standards

[Adult Social Care Digital Social Care Record: Minimum Operational Data Standard \(MODS\)](#)

Key Findings and Recommendations

MODS Implementation Guidance

- Participants were largely unfamiliar with the implementation guidance – they got the information they needed from the assurance portal or by contacting the DiSC team
- The conceptual model diagram on the standards directory should be reviewed to confirm accuracy

Adult Social Care Digital Social Care Record: Minimum Operational Data Standard (MODS): Implementation Guidance

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About this document

Guidance for CQC registered adult social care providers and their associated suppliers implementing the Adult Social Care Record (MODS) which represents the minimum operational data standard for direct care data in England.

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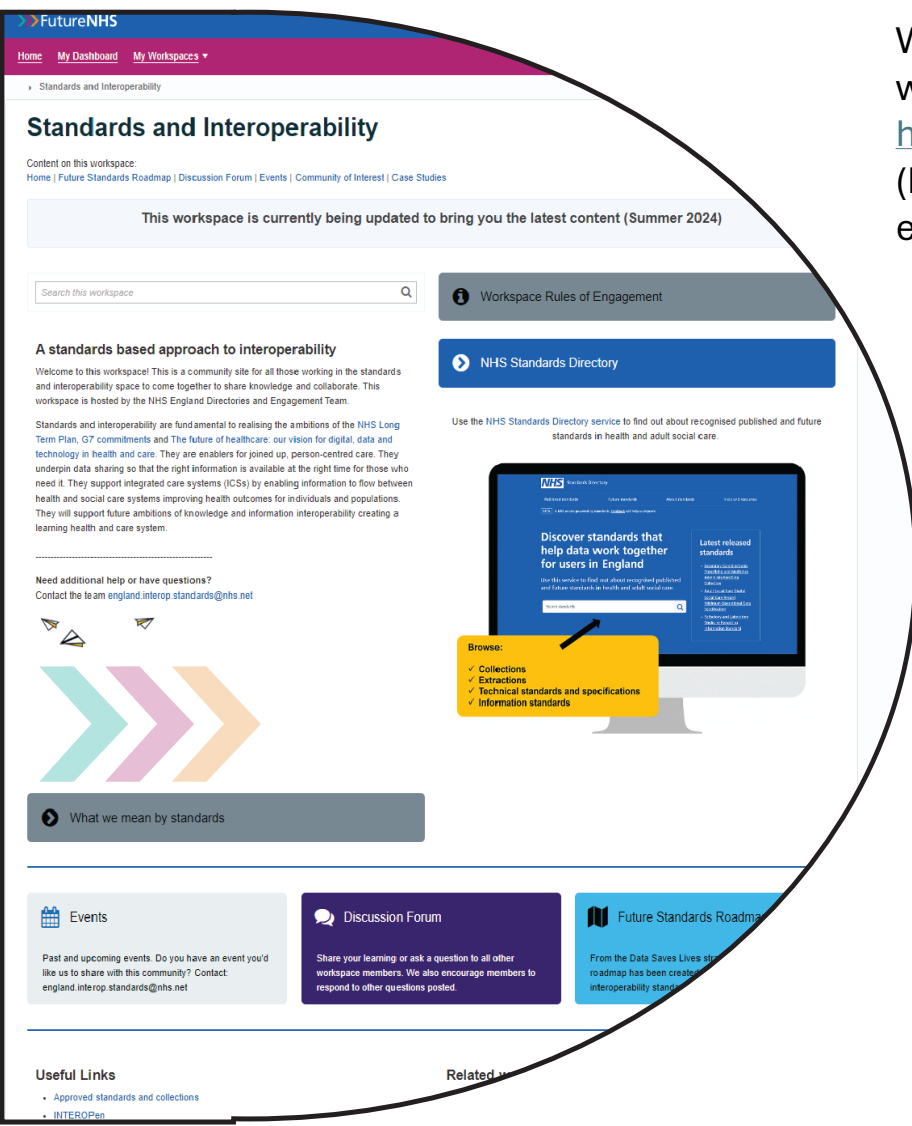
Our product's future

- **Standards Directory:** showroom of standards available for use and concession stands setup in partnership with bodies
- **Standards Finder:** a service to help narrow down standards that apply to the user & the law including compliance register.
- **Standards Discovery:** A semantic knowledge AI answer engine around standards via the user's lens & language.
- **Standards Explorer:** An accessible interactive graphical explorer and dashboard of standard's assets and experiments
- **Standards Front Door:** concierge service with seamless handover to capture and socialisation of ideas for standards
- **Standards Designer:** co-design portal allowing users to engage at multiple levels to design and review standards
- **Let's Talk Standards:** a forum enabling user conversation & feeds of standard's conversation spaces in a single place
- **Future standards:** A roadmap of progress of standards from end to end – birth, approval, publication, deprecation, refresh



Any questions?

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