



# ETHNIC MONITORING REMINDER



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**NOTE:** To ensure continued standardisation it is important that both these fields and codes are used in the development of ALL new HSCNI systems.

## Introduction of Ethnic Monitoring across Health and Social Care Systems

Ethnic monitoring is being introduced to health and social care (HSC) systems across NI. The aim of this work is to share learning, on the development of common ethnic monitoring information that will be routinely available on the Child Health System, Community Systems (SOSCARE, Regional Sure Start Database) and Hospital Systems (PAS Inpatients and NIMATS) that will promote equality and diversity within health and social care in Northern Ireland.

The Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister has taken the lead in developing guidance on how to monitor minority ethnic/migrant people.

The OFMDFM guidance was published in August 2011 and was influenced by the HSCNI work on Ethnic Monitoring. Based on this ongoing work a full set of standardised ethnic groups (2011 Census Groups and codes) and Country of Origin/Birth codes have been agreed and are being implemented as HSCNI standardised codes and fields onto Child Health System, SOSCARE, Regional Sure Start Database, PAS and NIMATS. DHSSPS are currently developing new Guidance for all staff which will be circulated along with training materials and information leaflets for staff and clients.

