

CRANE Newsletter



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

We are delighted to announce that we published the CRANE 2023 Annual Report in December 2023. **You can access the report [here](#).**

Thank you to cleft services in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland for the collection and submission of data into the CRANE Database.

A summary of findings for patients and parents/carers, written in collaboration with CLAPA, is available [here](#). You can also access an infographic of the key findings [here](#).



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Want to create a local action plan for your cleft team to drive quality improvement? Click [here](#) to look at our **CRANE Local Action Plan 2023**.

DATABASE UPDATES



Submucous cleft palate: A full LAHSAL code can now be entered after specifying the presence of a submucous cleft palate (SMCP). Ticking the SMCP box previously placed a little 's' in the LAHSAL code data field on CRANE, limiting the cleft type to cleft palate only. This database change will improve cleft type accuracy, e.g. for those with cleft lip and SMCP. See FAQ #13 on our [FAQs for professionals](#) webpage for more information on SMCP.



Dental: Automatic dental updates were introduced successfully at the end of 2023. This includes the automatic calculation of total dmft score based on the individual elements entered into CRANE. This change should limit data entry errors resulting in discrepancies between individual elements and the total dmft score.



Psychology:

- The TIM score scale has been updated, with scores of 1a and 1b now collapsed to 1, and scores of 2a, 2b and 2c now collapsed to 2. A 'reason outcome not collected' for TIM scores has also been introduced.
- The psychology CEN has requested that we cease the collection of SDQ scores for children born after 31 December 2017. Please see the psychology section in the [2023 Annual Report](#) for more information on this.

The CRANE [Data Dictionary](#) and [Data Collection Form 2 \(Outcomes\)](#) have been updated with these changes.

KEY DATES IN EARLY 2024

7 February: CRANE data Q&A session. Invite sent 11/12/23

3 March: Data entry deadline for preliminary report

8 March: Data entry deadline for Q3 Dashboard

17-19 April: CEN Meetings at CFSGBI conference

Key milestone information can be found [here](#)

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