

24<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**VASS check 20833 (EDDS) amended**  
**'Invalid Ambulance Incident Number'**

Previously, the VASS check stated that if an Ambulance Incident Number (AIN) was not blank it should:

- Be less than, or equal to, 8 characters in length; and
- Not contain alphabetic characters (except that N, C or P may be used in the 1<sup>st</sup> character position); and
- Not contain spaces (except optionally as a suffix to pad to 8 characters); and
- The numeric part should be between 100000 and 3099999

Since January 2018, the numeric part of all AINs produced by the Welsh Ambulance Service Trust have been greater than 3099999. As the VASS check previously considered any AIN where the numeric part was greater than 3099999 as invalid, every new AIN submitted was marked as invalid by the VASS check.

This resulted in the logic being changed to remove the 3099999 upper limit.

The VASS check now states that if an AIN is not blank is should:

- Be less than, or equal to, 8 characters in length; and
- Not contain alphabetic characters (except that N, C or P may be used in the 1<sup>st</sup> character position); and
- Not contain spaces (except optionally as a suffix to pad to 8 characters); and
- The numeric part should be greater than or equal to 100000