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VASS checks 51213 amended

The affected VASS check is 51213: Invalid Consultant Code (OP).

[DSCN 2018/11](#) updated the scope of the OP data set and instructed that VASS check 51213 be updated.

Although previously the scope included all consultant, independent nurse-led or midwifery outpatient activity, it was extended to include all consultant or nurse-led clinic activity which meets the criteria outlined in the Terms 'Clinic Appointment – Consultant Led (Outpatients)' or 'Clinic Appointment – Nurse Led (Outpatients)'.

As the scope was changed retrospectively from 1st April 2018, attendances that took place from that date onwards will be considered to have a valid consultant code if the consultant code exists within reference data and it relates to an actual consultant (as opposed to a junior doctor) or to a nurse.