Patients in residence at year end

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary:	NHDD	
Knowledgebase ID:	000208	Version number: 1
Metadata type:	DERIVED DATA ELEMENT	
Registration Authority:	NHIMG	Admin status: SUPERSEDED
		Effective date: 01-MAR-05
Definition:	A headcount of all formally admitted patients/clients in residence in long-stay facilities (public psychiatric hospitals, alcohol and drug hospitals, residential aged care services) at midnight, to be done on 30 June.	
Context:	The number of separations and bed days for individual long-stay establishments is often a poor indication of the services provided. This is because of the relatively small number of separations in a given institution. Experience has shown that the number of patients/clients in residence can often give a more reliable picture of	

the levels of services being provided.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:	Numeric	
Representational form:	QUANTITATIVE VALUE	
Representation layout:	NNNN	
Minimum Size:	1	
Maximum Size:	4	
Data Domain:	NOVAL Count of admitted patients / clients in residence	
Collection Methods:	For public psychiatric hospitals and alcohol and drug hospitals, all States have either an annual census or admission tracking that would enable a statistical census. The Commonwealth Department of Health and Family Service is able to carry out a statistical census from its residential aged care service databases.	
	A headcount snapshot could be achieved either by census or by the admission/discharge derivation approach. There are difficulties with the snapshot in view of both seasonal	

and day of the week fluctuations. Most of the traffic occurs in a small number of beds.

Any headcount should avoid the problems associated with using 31 December or 1 January. The end of the normal financial year is probably more sensible (the Wednesday before the end of the financial year was suggested, but probably not necessary). This should be qualified by indicating that the data does not form a time series in its own right.

Related metadata: relates to the data element concept Admitted patient version 3

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Source Organisation: Morbidity Working Party

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