Date of last contact

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary:	NHDD		
Knowledgebase ID:	000040	Version number:	2
Metadata type:	DATA ELEMENT		
Registration Authority:	NHIMG	Admin status:	SUPERSEDED
		Effective date:	01-MAR-05

Definition: Date of the last contact between a staff member of the community service and a person in any setting.

The definition includes:

- visits made to persons in institutional settings for the purpose of handing over or otherwise completing a care episode;
- bereavement visits in any setting;
- visits made to the person's home to complete the service, including the collection of equipment.

The definition excludes:
- visits made by liaison / discharge planning staff of a community service for the purpose of assessment of need related to a subsequent episode of care.

Context: To enable analysis of time periods throughout a care episode, especially the bereavement period. This date has been included in order to capture the end of a care episode in terms of involvement of the community nursing service.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:	Numeric
Representational form:	DATE
Representation layout:	DDMMYYYY
Minimum Size:	8
Maximum Size:	8
Data Domain:	NOVAL Valid dates

Guide For Use: This could be the same as the date of discharge.

Verification Rules: May occur after or on the same day as Date of last delivery of service

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Date of last community service contact with client / family version 1
relates to the data element Date of first contact version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: Australian Council of Community Nursing Services

Comments: If service agencies are committed to monitoring all resource utilisation associated with an episode of care, this post-discharge date and the corresponding pre-admission item Date of first contact, have a place within an agency information system. This is particularly true for those agencies providing discharge planning service or specialist consultancy or assessment services.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Exit / leave from service event

Data Agreements which include this Data Element