
Date of last community service contact with client/family

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary:	NHDD		
Knowledgebase ID:	000040	Version number:	1
Metadata type:	DATA ELEMENT		
Registration Authority:	NHIMG	Admin status:	SUPERSEDED
		Effective date:	30-JUN-98
Definition:	Date of the last contact between a staff member of the community nursing service and the client or family in any setting.		
Context:	Community nursing: this date has been included in order to capture the end of a care episode in terms of involvement of the community nursing service. This addresses the concerns expressed by services regarding the exclusion of the many post-discharge activities undertaken by the community nursing service, especially in the area of bereavement.		

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:	Numeric		
Representational form:	DATE		
Representation layout:	DDMMCCYY		
Minimum Size:	8		
Maximum Size:	8		
Data Domain:	NOVAL	Valid dates	
Guide For Use:	This could be the same as the date of discharge.		

The definition includes:

- visits made to clients in institutional settings for the purpose of handing over or otherwise completing a care episode;
- bereavement visits in any setting; and
- post-discharge visits to the client's home to complete care. This includes the collection of equipment.

The Community Nursing Services Minimum Data Set - Australia does not define a maximum time for the follow-up of a family after the death of a client. Nevertheless, there is potential for wide variation between service agencies in the interpretation of this post-discharge activity. As a general guide, bereavement visits related to a deceased client should be limited to four. Any person or family still requiring help after four visits should be considered for admission in their own right and/or referral for specific bereavement care.

This data item has recommended status only, which means there is no other function for it (such as calculation of a time period), and no requirement to supply it for any Community Nursing Services Minimum Data Set - Australia collection. Nevertheless, 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 data element Date of first contact with client/family, have a place within an agency information system. Further developments in the casemix area may also mean community nursing services will need more detailed description of resource allocation for all of the contexts in which they provide service.

Related metadata: has been superseded by Date of last contact version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: Community Nursing Services Minimum Data Set - Australia, Steering Committee

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Exit / leave from service event

Data Agreements which include this Data Element
