

# Mental health service contact—service contact duration, total minutes NNN

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Mental health service contact duration
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	286682
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 07/02/2013
<b>Definition:</b>	The time from the start to finish of a service contact.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Mental health service contact—mental health service contact duration</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Total minutes NNN</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Total
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	NNN
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	3

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>For group sessions the time for the patient/client in the session is recorded for each patient/client, regardless of the number of patients/clients or third parties participating or the number of service providers providing the service.</p> <p>Writing up details of service contacts is not to be reported as part of the duration, except if during or contiguous with the period of patient/client or third party participation.</p> <p>Travel to or from the location at which the service is provided, for example to or from outreach facilities or private homes, is not to be reported as part of the duration of the service contact.</p>
<b>Comments:</b>	Counting the duration for each patient/client in a group session means that this data element cannot be used to measure the duration of service contacts from the perspective of the service provider.

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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## Relational attributes

<b>Related metadata references:</b>	Has been superseded by <a href="#">Mental health service contact—service duration, total minutes NNN</a> <a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 02/02/2016
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