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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Specialised mental health service target population |
| METEOR identifier: | 288957 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 01/12/2010 |
| Definition: | The population group primarily targeted by a specialised mental health service, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Specialised mental health service—specialised mental health service target population group](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/288953) |
| Value Domain: | [Specialised mental health service target population code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/288955) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Child and adolescent |
|  | 2 | Older person |
|  | 3 | Forensic |
|  | 4 | General |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | CODE 1     Child and adolescent  These services principally target children and young people under the age of 18 years. The classification of a service into this category requires recognition by the regional or central funding authority of the special focus of the service. These services may include a forensic component.  CODE 2     Older person  These services principally target people in the age group of 65 years and over. The classification of a service into this category requires recognition by the regional or central funding authority of the special focus of the service. These services may include a forensic component.  CODE 3     Forensic  Health services that provide services primarily for people whose health condition has led them to commit, or be suspected of, a criminal offence or make it likely that they will reoffend without adequate treatment or containment. This includes prison-based services, but excludes services that are primarily for children and adolescents and for older people even where they include a forensic component.  CODE 4     General  These services principally target the general adult population (aged 18–64 years) but may also provide services to children, adolescents or older people. These services are those services that cannot be described as specialist child and adolescent services or services for older people. It excludes forensic services. |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | This data element is used to disaggregate data on beds, activity, expenditure and staffing for admitted patient settings in mental health service units (see service setting data element).  The order of priority for coding is:   * where the forensic services are for children/adolescents or older persons these services should be coded to the category for that age group; and * where the forensic services are for adults these services should be coded to forensic. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [Specialised mental health service—target population group, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/398463)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 07/12/2011 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Mental health establishments NMDS 2005-06](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/298027)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 07/12/2005  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2005 ***DSS specific information:*** Obligation condition: reporting of this data element is optional for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding.  [Mental health establishments NMDS 2005-06](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/311875)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 21/03/2006  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2005 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2006 ***DSS specific information:*** Obligation condition: reporting of this data element is optional for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding.  [Mental health establishments NMDS 2006-07](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/334283)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 23/10/2006  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2006 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2007 ***DSS specific information:***  Obligation condition: reporting of this data element is optional for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding.  [Mental health establishments NMDS 2007-08](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/345134)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 05/02/2008  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2007 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2008 ***DSS specific information:***  Obligation condition: reporting of this data element is optional for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding.  [Mental health establishments NMDS 2008-09](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/362299)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 03/12/2008  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2008 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2009 ***DSS specific information:***  Obligation condition: reporting of this data element is optional for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding.  [Mental health establishments NMDS 2009-10](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/374981)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 02/12/2009  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2009 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2010 ***DSS specific information:***  Obligation condition: reporting of this data element is optional for non-government residential mental health services and specialised mental health services provided by private hospitals that receive state or territory government funding.  [Mental health establishments NMDS 2010-11](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/378611)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 01/12/2010  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2010  ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2011 |
| Implementation in Indicators: | **Used as Disaggregation** [KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 04J – Average length of acute inpatient stay, 2015](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/584306)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 19/11/2015  [KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 05J – Average cost per acute admitted patient day, 2015](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/597092)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 19/11/2015  [KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 15J – Rate of seclusion, 2015](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/596858)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 19/11/2015 |