

# **Specialised mental health service organisation— consumer participation arrangements (consumer consultants employed)**

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element Concept
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	295404
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 08/12/2004
<b>Definition:</b>	Whether the service employs consumer consultants on a paid basis to represent the interests of consumers and advocate for their needs, in order to promote the participation of mental health consumers in the planning, delivery and evaluation of the service.
<b>Context:</b>	Specialised mental health services.

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Specialised mental health service organisation</a>
<b>Definition:</b>	A separately constituted specialised mental health service that is responsible for the clinical governance, administration and financial management of service units providing specialised mental health care.
<b>Context:</b>	Specialised mental health services.
<b>Specialisation of:</b>	<a href="#">Organisation</a>

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	A specialised mental health service organisation may consist of one or more service units based in different locations and providing services in admitted patient, residential and ambulatory settings. For example, a specialised mental health service organisation may consist of several hospitals or two or more community centres.
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Where the specialised mental health service organisation consists of multiple service units, those units can be considered to be components of the same organisation where they:

- operate under a common clinical governance arrangement;
- aim to work together as interlocking services that provide integrated, coordinated care to consumers across all mental health service settings; and
- share clinical records or, in the case where there is more than one physical clinical record for each patient, staff may access (if required) the information contained in all of the physical records held by the organisation for that patient.

For most states and territories, the Specialised mental health service organisation object class is equivalent to the Area/District Mental Health Service. These are usually organised to provide the full range of admitted patient, residential and ambulatory services to a given catchment population. However, the object class may also be used to refer to health care organisations which provide only one type of mental health service (e.g. acute admitted patient care) or which serve a specialised or state-wide function.

### Source and reference attributes

**Origin:** Department of Health and Ageing 2003. Mental Health National Outcomes and Casemix Collection. Technical specification of State and Territory reporting requirements for the outcomes and casemix components of 'Agreed Data', Version 1.50. Canberra: Department of Health and Ageing

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Consumer participation arrangements](#)

**Definition:** An indicator of whether mechanisms are in place to promote the participation of mental health consumers.

**Property group:** [Organisational characteristics](#)

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element concept attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** A consumer is a person who is currently utilising, or has previously utilised, a mental health service.

Mental health service consumers include persons receiving care for their own, or another persons', mental illness or psychiatric disability.

The term mental health consumer consultant refers to a person who is employed (or engaged via contract) on a part-time or full-time basis to act as a consumer consultant. This implies the person received a salary or contract fee on a regular basis. It does not refer to arrangements where the consumer only received reimbursements of expenses or occasional sitting fees for attendance at meetings.

### Relational attributes

**Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:** [Specialised mental health service organisation—consumer participation arrangements \(consumer consultants employed\), code N](#)  
[Health!](#), Standard 08/12/2004