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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier:	367277
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Retired 06/02/2012
DSS type:	National Minimum Data Set (NMDS)
Scope:	<p>The Child Protection and Support Services National Minimum Data Set (CPSS NDMS) is designed to capture information on all children and young people involved in the child protection systems throughout Australia.</p> <p>There are three collections within the CPSS NMDS, all of which are unit record data. The first is the child protection specific data, which includes contacts, notifications, substantiations and services provided. The second is data on children who are on care and protection orders. The third is data on children in out-of-home care.</p> <p>Care and protection orders data set</p> <p>All children or young people who are under a care and protection order at 1 July of the collection year should be included, provided that there is a break of no more than 2 weeks between orders. All children who were placed on a care and protection order during the collection period should also be included.</p> <p>An episode is the period of time in which a child is under a care and protection order.</p> <p>The concept of an episode is crucial to the collection of information regarding a child on care and protection orders. It provides information on the length of time children are on care and protection orders and also the type of orders children are subject to.</p> <p>Each order type is considered a discrete care and protection order episode, delineated by an entry date and exit date.</p>

Collection and usage attributes

Statistical unit:	Unit record data.
Comments:	The implementation of the unit record data collections across all jurisdictions has not been finalised. Further results from the pilot testing and current aggregate data collections will be investigated prior to completion of a revised NMDS.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Child Protection and Support Services data working group (NCPASS).
Steward:	National Community Services Information Management Group (NCSIMG)
Origin:	Child Protection and Support Services National Minimum Data Set, Data Collection Manual, AIHW September 2005.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Child protection and support services \(CPSS\) - care and protection order episode NMDS \(July 2007\)](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 01/05/2008

Has been superseded by [Care and protection order \(CPO\) DSS Pilot \(2010\)](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011

Has been superseded by [Care and protection order \(CPO\) file cluster Children and Families](#), Superseded 22/11/2016
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 10/10/2014

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Child protection and support services (CPSS) client cluster	Conditional	1
-	Date—estimate indicator, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Person—activity and participation life area, code (ICF 2001) AN[NNN]	Optional	9
	Conditional obligation:		
	Identification of an activity and participation life area is not required if the child does not have an identified need for assistance.		
	DSS specific information:		
	In the Child Protection NMDS, this data element refers to the need for assistance as a result of an underlying long-term health condition or disability. Need for assistance is determined when a child's needs are greater than fully functioning children of the same age.		
-	Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
-	Person—disability group, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Person—Indigenous status, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Person—letters of family name, text XXX	Mandatory	1
-	Person—letters of given name, text XX	Mandatory	1
-	Person—main language other than English spoken at home, code (ASCL 2005) NN[NN]	Mandatory	1
-	Person—need for assistance with activities in a life area, code N	Optional	9
	DSS specific information:		
	In the Child Protection NMDS, this data element refers to the need for assistance as a result of an underlying long-term health condition or disability. Need for assistance is determined when a child's needs are greater than fully functioning children of the same age.		
	If the child has a need for assistance then an activity and participation life area will be required.		
-	Person—person identifier, (child protection and support services) NX[X(13)]	Mandatory	1
	DSS specific information:		
	This identifier is used to identifier clients across all CPSS data files.		
	The unique client identifier should be assigned by the state or territory community services department when the child first comes in contact with the department. The child should retain the same unique identifier across time. This data element should be recorded for each child for each contact, care and protection order and out-of-home care episode.		

- [Person—sex, code N](#) Mandatory 1
- [Child—care arrangements, care and protection order code N\[N\]](#) Mandatory 2

DSS specific information:

In the Child protection and support services (CPSS) - care and protection order episode NMDS, this data element is collected twice:

- It refers to the care arrangements of a child at the commencement of the care and protection order; and
- the care arrangements of a child who is on a care and protection order at 30 June.

- [Client—case plan review date, DDMMYYYY](#) Conditional 1

Conditional obligation:

If a child is on another type of order, or on a guardianship/custody order for less than 12 months, this item should be blank.

DSS specific information:

Applicable only for children who have been on guardianship/custody orders for more than 12 months where the jurisdiction is in loco parentis.

A case plan is a written plan of action to be taken to provide the care and support required to ensure the safety and well being of a child or young person. The plan will generally include: allocation of parental responsibility; living arrangements; contact between the child or young person with his/her parents; and types of services to be provided.

- [Client—first care and protection order indicator, code N](#) Mandatory 1

- [Client—initial case plan date, DDMMYYYY](#)

Mandatory 1

Conditional obligation:

If a child is on another type of order, or an a guardianship/custody order for less than 12 months, this item should be blank.

DSS specific information:

Applicable only for children who have been on guardianship/custody order where the jurisdiction is in loco parentis.

This item is applicable only to children who were admitted to a guardianship/custody order during the year. The date should be recorded when the case plan has been developed and agreed to by all concerned parties. This item should be completed each time a child is placed on a guardianship/custody order.

A case plan is a written plan of action to be taken to provide the care and support required to ensure the safety and well being of a child or young person. The plan will generally include: allocation of parental responsibility; living arrangements; contact between the child or young person with his/her parents; and types of services to be provided.

- [Service episode—care and protection order type, code N](#)
- [Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY](#)

Mandatory 1

Conditional 1

DSS specific information:

A date of expiry is when the order the child is under is no longer applicable. It should be recorded for each separate care and protection order episode. This can be for a number of reasons including:

The child is placed on a higher level order than the one they are currently on

The order expires

The child turns 18 years

The child moves interstate

The child dies

The child returns home and is no longer considered by the child protection authority to be in need of care.

In some circumstances, the date of expiry will be the same as the entry date from a previous episode, e.g. when a child moves directly from one level order to another level order.

If the order did not expire during the year, the date 11111111 should be used to indicate this.

If the date is unknown, the date 01011900 should be provided.

- [Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY](#)

Mandatory 1

DSS specific information:

An entry date should be recorded for each separate care and protection order episode of the child.

A new episode will begin and an entry date will be recorded in the following circumstances:

A child is placed on a care and protection order for the first time in their life.

A child is placed on a higher level order than the one they are currently on.

The higher level order expires and the child is placed on a lower level order. This date will be recorded once the higher level order expires.

A child moves from one jurisdiction to another and the order is transferred to the second jurisdiction.

In some circumstances, the entry date will be the same as the exit date from a previous episode, e.g. when a child moves directly from one level order to a different level order.

This data item delineates a care and protection order episode and is qualified by reason for entry.

If the date is unknown, the date 01011900 should be provided.

- [Service episode—reason for order expiry, care and protection code N](#)

Conditional 1