

Maternity model of care—midwifery caseload indicator, yes/no code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Midwifery caseload indicator
Synonymous names:	Midwifery group practice; Midwifery continuity of carer
METEOR identifier:	558582
Registration status:	HealthI , Standard 14/05/2015
Definition:	An indicator of whether a model of maternity care is a midwifery caseload model of care, as represented by a code.
Context:	Used in maternal and perinatal healthcare settings.
Data Element Concept:	Maternity model of care—midwifery caseload indicator
Value Domain:	Yes/no code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Boolean
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Yes
	2	No

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: CODE 1 Yes

This code is to be used only if the model of care is midwifery caseload. This involves a midwife having a set number of women per month or per annum (full-time equivalent) for whom they are the primary midwife, providing and coordinating the majority of care throughout pregnancy, labour and after birth and acting as a backup midwife for another primary midwife. The primary midwife is usually on-call for 24 hours per day for a set period and is often paid on an annualised salary and not on shifts. This is different to team midwifery.

CODE 2 No

This code is to be used for all other models of care, including team midwifery. Although a team midwifery model may look after a set number of women per year, this number is shared among the team rather than having each midwife act as primary midwife for their own caseload of women.

Collection methods: Data are gathered using the Maternity Care Classification System (MaCCS) data collection questionnaire on an annual basis by every maternity service when classifying their models of care or when a new model of care is introduced.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Perinatal Epidemiology and Statistics Unit

Origin: National Maternity Data Development Project (AIHW and NPESU), Maternity Care Classification System subproject.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: See also [Maternity model of care—midwifery caseload size, number N\[NN\] Health!](#), Standard 14/05/2015

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Maternity model of care NBPDS Health!](#), Standard 14/05/2015

DSS specific information:

If the value for this data element is recorded as "CODE 1 Yes" then the value for [Maternity model of care—extent of continuity of designated carer, code N\[N\]](#) must be recorded as "CODE 5 Whole duration of maternity period - antenatal, intrapartum, and postpartum".