

# Prison entrant—mental health service referral indicator, prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Mental health service referral indicator
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	631724
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">HealthI</a> , Standard 28/04/2016
<b>Definition:</b>	An indicator of whether a prison entrant has been referred to prison mental health services for observation and further assessment, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Prison entrant—mental health service referral indicator</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Yes
	2	No
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Unknown

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	For use in Prisoner health data collections. If this value domain is used with other metadata then 'Unknown' would map to code 8.
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## Source and reference attributes

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

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<b>Comments:</b>	At the prison reception assessment, prison entrants may be referred to prison mental health services for observation and further assessment. Prison mental health services provide access to specialist mental health nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists and in-patient services where the prisoners receive counselling and intervention programs.
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Under the *National Action Plan on Mental Health 2006-2011* (COAG 2006) jurisdictions are required to provide details on the prevalence of mental illness among people who are newly sentenced to prison and enhance mental health services for people in contact with the justice system.

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

**Reference documents:** [COAG \(Council of Australian Governments\) 2006. National Action Plan on Mental Health 2006-2011. Canberra: COAG.](#)

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Prison entrant—mental health service referral, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 30/05/2016

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Prison entrants NBEDS](#)  
[Health!](#), Standard 28/04/2016

***DSS specific information:***

This data element is included in the Prisoner health NBEDS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants who, at reception, were referred to mental health services for observation and further assessment.

[Prison entrants NBEDS](#)  
[Health!](#), Recorded 31/05/2018

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