Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2018-19

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier:	686596
Registration status:	Health!, Superseded 12/12/2018
DSS type:	National Minimum Data Set (NMDS)
Scope:	The Alcohol and other drug treatment services national minimum data set (NMDS) is nationally mandated for collection and reporting.

Publicly funded government and non-government agencies providing alcohol and/or drug treatment services. Including community-based ambulatory services and outpatient services.

The following services are currently not included in the coverage:

- services based in prisons and other correctional institutions;
- agencies that provide primarily accommodation or overnight stays such as 'sobering-up shelters' and 'half-way houses';
- agencies that provide services concerned primarily with health promotion;
- needle and syringe programs;
- agencies whose sole function is to provide prescribing and/or dosing of methadone; and
- acute care and psychiatric hospitals, or alcohol and drug treatment units that report to the Admitted patient care NMDS and do not provide treatment to non-admitted patients.

Clients who are on a methadone maintenance program may be included in the collection where they also receive other types of treatment.

Collection and usage attributes

Statistical unit:	Completed treatment episodes for clients who participate in a treatment type as specified in the data element Main treatment type for alcohol and other drugs.
Collection methods:	Data to be reported in each agency on completed treatment episode and then forwarded to state/territory authorities for collation.

National reporting requirements

State and territory health authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation, on an annual basis.

Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated

Financial years ending 30 June each year.

Implementation start date:	01/07/2018
Implementation end date:	30/06/2019
Comments:	*Glossary items*

Glossary terms that are relevant to this National minimum data set are included here.

Cessation of treatment episode for alcohol and other drugs

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Health Information Group

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2015-18](#) [Health!](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

Has been superseded by [Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS 2019–20](#) [Health!](#), Superseded 20/02/2020

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	[Statistical linkage key 581 cluster](#)	Mandatory	1
1	[Person—letters of family name, text XXX](#)	Mandatory	1
2	[Person—letters of given name, text XX](#)	Mandatory	1
3	[Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY](#)	Mandatory	1
4	[Person—sex, code X](#)	Mandatory	1
5	[Record—linkage key, code 581 XXXXXDDMMYYYYX](#)	Mandatory	1
6	[Date—accuracy indicator, code AAA](#)	Conditional	1

Conditional obligation:

Where a date of birth is estimated the date accuracy indicator should be used.

-	[Address—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) NNNN](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

For the purposes of the Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS, this data element relates to the usual address of the client.

-	[Address—statistical area, level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2016) N(9)](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

For the purposes of the Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS, this data element relates to the site from which a drug treatment service is delivered. For agencies with more than one location, the data element relates to the service delivery outlet.

-	[Client—injecting drug use status, code N](#)	Conditional	1

Conditional obligation:

This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.

-	[Client—method of drug use (principal drug of concern), code N](#)	Conditional	1

Conditional obligation:

This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.

-	[Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—cessation reason, code N[N]](#)	Mandatory	1

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	[Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—client type, code N](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—drug of concern (other), (ASCDC 2011 extended) code NNNN](#)	Conditional	5

Conditional obligation:

This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.

-	[Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—drug of concern (principal), (ASCDC 2011 extended) code NNNN](#)	Conditional	1

Conditional obligation:

This metadata item should only be collected for clients whose treatment episode is related to their own alcohol and other drug use.

-	[Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—referral source, code NN](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—service delivery setting, code N](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—treatment cessation date, DDMMYYYY](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

The date must be later than or the same as the treatment commencement date for the episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs.

-	[Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—treatment commencement date, DDMMYYYY](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

The date must be earlier than or the same as the treatment cessation date for the episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs.

-	[Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—treatment type (main), code N](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs—treatment type (other), code N](#)	Mandatory	4
-	[Establishment—organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Person—country of birth, code (SACC 2016) NNNN](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

This field must not be null.

National Minimum Data Sets:

For the provision of state and territory hospital data to Commonwealth agencies this field must:

- be less than or equal to Admission date, Date patient presents or Service contact date
- be consistent with diagnoses and procedure codes, for records to be grouped.

-	[Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Person—person identifier, XXXXXX[X(14)]](#)	Mandatory	1

-	[Person—preferred language, code (ASCL 2016) N[NNN]](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Person—sex, code X](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Person—usual accommodation type prior to service episode, code NN{.N}](#)	Mandatory	1