National out-of-home care standards (NOOHCS) file cluster

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier:	688447
Registration status:	[Children and Families](), Superseded 20/01/2021
DSS type:	Data Element Cluster
Scope:	The National Out-of-Home Care Standards (NOOHCS) file cluster is used to collect information for reporting against measures under the National Standards for Out-of-Home Care. These measures are reported for children and young people aged less than 18 years whose care arrangements were ordered through the Children's Court, where parental responsibility for the child or young person was transferred to the Minister/Chief Executive. The scope for the National Out-of-Home Care Standards includes children and young people who were residing in out-of-home care arrangements, Specialist Homelessness Services, disability facilities, juvenile detention, were self-placed or homeless.

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	For this file a person is a child or young person aged less than 18 years. This may also include children who turn 18 in the reference period.
	Note: the population used for the National Out-of-Home Care Standards measures may differ; as such, the individual data items may also have different populations (e.g. children in scope on the night of 30 June; children admitted to the care of the Chief/Executive during a reporting period).
Collection methods:	Each child that was in scope during the reporting period will appear once as a new line in the file. This will enable a unique count of children who were in scope at any given point during the reference period.
Implementation start date:	01/07/2015
Implementation end date:	30/06/2017
Comments:	Data are extracted as at 31 August. The 2016-17 reporting period is the main collection period. Data for 2015-16 are also collected to allow specific calculations to be undertaken.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Steward:	[Australian Institute of Health and Welfare]()
Origin:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2016. Child protection national minimum data set, data collection manual 2015–16. Canberra: AIHW.
	FaHCSIA (Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs) 2011. An outline of national standards for out-of-home care: A priority project under the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009–2020. Canberra: FaHCSIA.
Reference documents:	AIHW 2016. Child protection Australia 2014–15. Child welfare series no. 63. Cat. no. CWS 57. Canberra: AIHW.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes [National out-of-home care standards (NOOHCS) file cluster](#) [Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/04/2018
	Has been superseded by [National out-of-home care standards (NOOHCS) file cluster](#) [Children and Families](#), Standard 20/01/2021
Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	[Child protection NMDS 2016-17](#) [Children and Families](#), Superseded 21/01/2021 *Implementation start date:* 01/07/2015 *Implementation end date:* 30/06/2017

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	[Person—person identifier, child protection NX[X(11)]](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

This identifier is for the child.

2	[Child—case plan required indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

Refers to a case plan at 30 June in the reference period.

This data collection uses an alternate code set for this data element.

Code 97 ('Not applicable') should be mapped to Code 7.

Code 99 ('Not stated/inadequately described') should be mapped to Code 9.

3	[Child—current case plan indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

Refers to a current case plan at 30 June in the reference period.

This data collection uses an alternate code set for this data element.

Code 97 ('Not applicable') should be mapped to Code 7.

Code 99 ('Not stated/inadequately described') should be mapped to Code 9.

4	[Child—cultural support plan required indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

Refers to a cultural support plan at 30 June in the reference period.

This data collection uses an alternate code set for this data element.

Code 97 ('Not applicable') should be mapped to Code 7.

Code 99 ('Not stated/inadequately described') should be mapped to Code 9.

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
5	[Child—current cultural support plan indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

Refers to a current cultural support plan at 30 June in the reference period.

This data collection uses an alternate code set for this data element.

Code 97 ('Not applicable') should be mapped to Code 7.

Code 99 ('Not stated/inadequately described') should be mapped to Code 9.

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
6	[Child—leaving care plan required indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

Refers to a leaving care plan at 30 June of the reference period.

This data collection uses an alternate code set for this data element.

Code 97 ('Not applicable') should be mapped to Code 7.

Code 99 ('Not stated/inadequately described') should be mapped to Code 9.

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
7	[Child—current leaving care plan indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

Refers to a current and approved current leaving care plan at 30 June in the reference period.

This data collection uses an alternate code set for this data element.

Code 97 ('Not applicable') should be mapped to Code 7.

Code 99 ('Not stated/inadequately described') should be mapped to Code 9.

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
8	[Child—initial health check required indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

This data collection uses an alternate code set for this data element.

Code 97 ('Not applicable') should be mapped to Code 7.

Code 99 ('Not stated/inadequately described') should be mapped to Code 9.

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
9	[Child—initial health check conducted indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

This data collection uses an alternate code set for this data element.

Code 97 ('Not applicable') should be mapped to Code 7.

Code 99 ('Not stated/inadequately described') should be mapped to Code 9.

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
10	[Child—permanent care arrangement status, type code N[N]](#)	Mandatory	1