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# Specialist Homelessness Services disability flag cluster

# Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Set Specification

METEOR identifier: 689072

Registration status: Homelessness, Standard 10/08/2018

**DSS type:** Data Element Cluster

Scope: The Specialist Homelessness Service disability flag cluster defines information to

assess the functional status of a person across a range of life areas.

The cluster collects:

• Type of everyday activity and participation in life areas the client needs help with, including self-care, mobility and communication.

 The level of assistance with activities and participation in a life area the client needs.

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, these data elements are used together to assess the functional status of a person across a range of life areas.

The cluster combines the two data elements: Person—activity and participation life area, disability flag homelessness code N and Person—need for assistance with activities in a life area, disability flag homelessness code N. The following matrix is completed.

	Always/ sometimes need help and/or supervision	Have difficulty, but don't need help/supervision	Don't have difficulty, but use aids/equipment	Have no difficulty
Self-care				
Mobility				
Communication				

# Collection and usage attributes

#### Collection methods:

It is expected that the data elements in this cluster will be used to collect information from the individual being assessed, or a proxy/carer or service worker answering on their behalf. The responses are phrased in answer to the question 'For each of the following activities, do you need help/supervision, have difficulty, or use aids/equipment?

For each activity and participation in life areas, one of the following responses should be selected:

- always/sometimes need help and/or supervision
- have difficulty, but don't need help/supervision
- don't have difficulty, but use aids/equipment, or
- · have no difficulty.

'Have no difficulty' should be selected for young children who do not have a long-term condition or disability, who need help/supervision because of their young age.

Also required is the following preamble to the question:

'The next question is about whether a long-term health condition or disability restricts your everyday activities. A long-term health condition is one that has lasted, or is expected to last, 6 months or more. Examples of long-term health conditions that might restrict your everyday activities include severe asthma, epilepsy, hearing loss, arthritis, depression, autism, kidney disease, chronic pain, speech impairment, stroke.'

#### Source and reference attributes

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

### Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes Specialist Homelessness Services disability flag cluster

<u>Homelessness</u>, Superseded 10/08/2018 <u>Housing assistance</u>, Standard 01/05/2013

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

Implementation in Data Set Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2019-

Homelessness, Standard 10/08/2018

Conditional obligation:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.

DSS specific information:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at presentation.

# Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Person—activity and participation life area, disability flag homelessness code N	Mandatory	1
-	Person—need for assistance with activities in a life area, disability flag homelessness code N	Mandatory	1