

Birth event—actual setting of birth, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Actual place of birth
METEOR identifier:	695103
Registration status:	Health! , Superseded 03/12/2020
Definition:	The actual place where the birth occurred, as represented by a code.
Context:	Perinatal
Data Element Concept:	Birth event—actual setting of birth
Value Domain:	Birth setting code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Hospital, excluding birth centre
	2	Birth centre, attached to hospital
	3	Birth centre, free standing
	4	Home
	8	Other
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	The birth setting should be recorded for each baby that the mother delivers from the pregnancy. CODE 4 Home Reserved for births that occur at the home intended (planned home births). CODE 8 Other Record for births that occur at a home other than that intended; home births without a midwife or other medical professional in attendance (free births); a community health centre or for babies born before arrival .
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Perinatal Data Development Committee
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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Birth event—setting of birth \(actual\), code N Health!](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Has been superseded by [Birth event—actual setting of birth, code N Health!](#), Standard 03/12/2020

See also [Birth event—intended setting of birth, code N Health!](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Perinatal NMDS 2019–20](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

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