Referral—formal referral source, homelessness code N[N]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Formal referral source |
| METEOR identifier: | 695957 |
| Registration status: | [Homelessness](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 10/08/2018 |
| Definition: | The person, entity or agency responsible for the formal referral of a client to an agency, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Referral—referral source](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/297450) |
| Value Domain: | [Source of referral homelessness code N[N]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/695959) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N[N] | |
| Maximum character length: | 2 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Specialist Homelessness Agency/outreach worker |
|  | 2 | Telephone/crisis referral agency |
|  | 3 | Centrelink or employment service case worker |
|  | 4 | Child protection agency |
|  | 5 | Family and child support agency |
|  | 6 | Hospital |
|  | 7 | Mental health service |
|  | 8 | Disability support service |
|  | 9 | Drug and alcohol service |
|  | 10 | Aged care service |
|  | 11 | Social housing |
|  | 12 | Youth or juvenile justice correctional centre |
|  | 13 | Adult correctional facility |
|  | 14 | Legal unit (including legal aid) |
|  | 15 | School/other education institution |
|  | 16 | Police |
|  | 17 | Courts |
|  | 18 | Immigration department or asylum seeker/refugee support service |
|  | 19 | Other agency (government or non-government) |
|  | 20 | Family and/or friends |
|  | 21 | Other |
|  | 22 | Family and domestic violence service (non SHS) |
|  | 23 | Don't know |
| Supplementary values: | 88 | No formal referral |
|  | 99 | Not stated/inadequately described |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Only formal referrals are collected in this data element. The list of sources of referrals in the classification or value domain are regarded as formal referrals.  A formal referral is any form of verbal or written contact with the person, group or organisation from which the client could be referred. |
| Collection methods: | The permissible values for this data element are used to form the response categories to the question:  'From the referral list below please select one that represents the source of formal referral for this client.' |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Referral—formal referral source, homelessness code N[N]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/401340)  [Homelessness](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Superseded 10/08/2018  [Housing assistance](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/13), Standard 23/08/2010 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2019-](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/689064)  [Homelessness](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 10/08/2018  ***Conditional obligation:***  In the Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.  ***DSS specific information:***  In the SHS NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.  This collection records a response of Don't Know (Code 99), which is equivalent to the code Don't know (Code 23) in the Standard.  The collection also records a response of No formal referral (Code 88). |