

Primary Health Network

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Object Class

Synonymous names: PHN

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Definition: A Primary Health Network (PHN) is an administrative health region established to facilitate access to primary care services for patients, as well as co-ordinate with local hospitals in order to improve the overall operational efficiency of the network.

PHN organisations commission services and work directly with general practices (GPs) and other health care providers including hospitals and the broader community to ensure improved outcomes for patients across their region.

The term PHN can refer to either:

1. PHN organisation - A PHN organisation is responsible for identifying and addressing the primary health needs of communities in their PHN geographical region through strategic planning, commissioning services, supporting general practices and other health care providers, and supporting the integration of local health care services (DoH 2018).
2. PHN geographical area – A PHN geographical area is an administrative health region with boundaries that align with Local Hospital Networks (LHNs) or equivalents, or clusters of LHNs (DoH 2016).

Context: Primary health care.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin:

DoH (Department of Health) 2016. PHN boundaries. Australian Government Department of Health, Canberra. Viewed 9 July 2020
<<https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/PHN-Boundaries>>

DoH (Department of Health) 2018. PHN program performance and quality framework. Australian Government Department of Health, Canberra. Viewed 9 July 2020
<https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/PHN-Performance_Framework>

Reference documents: ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2017. Survey of health care, Australia. Australian Bureau of Statistics, Canberra. Viewed 9 July 2020
<<https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4343.0Explanatory%20Notes12016?OpenDocument>>

Relational attributes

**Data Element Concepts
implementing this Object
Class:**

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[Primary Health Network—number of regular clients with a glycosylated haemoglobin measurement result recorded](#)
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[Primary Health Network—number of regular clients with a tobacco smoking status recorded](#)
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[Primary Health Network—number of regular clients with an absolute cardiovascular disease risk assessment result recorded](#)
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[Primary Health Network—number of regular clients with an alcohol consumption status recorded](#)
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[Primary Health Network—number of regular clients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease](#)
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[Primary Health Network—number of regular clients with diabetes mellitus](#)
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[Primary Health Network—number of regular female clients with a cervical screening recorded](#)
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