

# Person held responsible (Child protection)

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Glossary Item

**METEOR identifier:** 749539

**Registration status:** [Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021

**Definition:** A person held responsible is someone assessed as being responsible for an abusive act (including acts of commission or omission). For instances of [abuse of children in care](#), the person held responsible is someone who is an [approved carer](#), another person [living in the household](#) or care facility (including other children), an [employee of the responsible care service/agency or government department](#), or a person not living in the household (only where an approved carer or employee of the responsible care service/agency or government department failed to protect the child or their action/inaction contributed to the abuse).

**Context:** Child protection.

## Source and reference attributes

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

**Origin:** AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) 2021. Child protection national minimum data set, data collection manual 2020-21. Canberra: AIHW.

## Relational attributes

**Metadata items which use this glossary item:** [Abuse in care](#)  
[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021  
[Safety in care \(SC\) file cluster](#)  
[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021