

Child protection notification—assessment decision type, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Assessment decision type
Synonymous names:	Contact assessment decision
METEOR identifier:	331074
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 30/04/2008 [Non Dictionary]
Definition:	A determined course of action in relation to a child who is the subject of a child protection notification, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Child protection notification—assessment decision type
Value Domain:	Child protection assessment decision code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Investigation required
	2	Other intervention required
	3	No further action
	4	Advice/referral to another agency required

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:**CODE 1 Investigation required**

Where there are significant concerns regarding harm or risk of harm to warrant an investigatory response. An investigation is the process whereby the community services department obtains more detailed information about a child who is the subject of a contact and makes an assessment about the harm or degree of harm to the child and the child's protective needs. It also includes the interviewing or sighting of the subject child where it is practicable to do so.

CODE 2 Other intervention required

This is where there is a low risk of harm and a non-investigatory response is required. This may include: where low level harm or risk of harm has occurred and immediate assistance is given and recorded; where the family needs are still assessed and a case plan is developed; where children are assessed as low risk but still in need; where there are parenting issues or one-off incidents; and where the contact is referred to another section of the child protection agency because the agency is already working with the child.

CODE 3 No further action/no issue

This category includes contacts to the department where there are concerns about children but there is no risk of harm/actual harm and no departmental action is required. This may include contacts that: are police initiated but there are no care and protection issues, the family has moved interstate; the contact is historical in nature and there is no longer contact between the parties; where it is from the family court and the department is already involved

CODE 4 Advice/referral to another agency required

This category includes referrals outside the jurisdiction's child protection section. This can include other sections within the community services department and child protection services in other jurisdiction. It can also include brief advice and telephone counselling.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods:

Comments: This is important to determine the service response of the department and also outcomes for children.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Child Protection and Support Services data group (NCPASS).

Origin: Child protection and support services data dictionary. AIHW Version 1.0 Oct 2005.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Child protection notification—course of action, code N Children and Families, Standard 22/11/2016](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Child protection and support services \(CPSS\) - notifications, investigations, and substantiations NMDS \(July 2007\)](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 01/05/2008
[Child protection and support services \(CPSS\) - notifications, investigations, and substantiations NMDS pilot \(2008\)](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Retired 06/02/2012

