

Person—mental health disorder indicator, prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Mental health disorder indicator
Synonymous names:	Mental illness indicator
METEOR identifier:	631558
Registration status:	Health , Standard 28/04/2016
Definition:	A self-reported indicator of whether a person has ever been told by a doctor, psychiatrist, psychologist or mental health nurse that they suffer from a mental health disorder (including drug and alcohol abuse), as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—mental health disorder indicator
Value Domain:	Prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Yes
	2	No
Supplementary values:	9	Unknown

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	For use in Prisoner health data collections. If this value domain is used with other metadata then 'Unknown' would map to code 8.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Comments:	The term mental illness is sometimes used instead of mental disorder. Mental health disorders are generally classified according to the <i>Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders</i> (DSM) or the <i>International Classification of Diseases</i> (ICD).
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Person—mental health disorder indicator, yes/no code N Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 06/02/2012
[Health](#), Superseded 28/04/2016

See also [Person—medication for mental health disorder indicator, history code N Health](#), Qualified 06/07/2023

See also [Person—medication for mental health disorder indicator, prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N Health](#), Standard 28/04/2016

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Prison entrants NBEDS Health](#), Standard 28/04/2016

DSS specific information:

This data element is included in the Prisoner health NBEDS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants who have ever been told by a doctor, psychiatrist, psychologist or nurse that they have a mental health disorder (including drug and alcohol abuse).

[Prison entrants NBEDS 2018](#)

[Health](#), Qualified 07/03/2024

DSS specific information:

This data element corresponds to the following question of the Prison Entrants Form:

16a. Have you ever been told by a doctor, psychiatrist, psychologist, or nurse that you have a mental health disorder (including drug and alcohol abuse)?

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[Prison entrants NBEDS 2022](#)

[Health](#), Qualified 06/07/2023

DSS specific information:

This data element is reported twice:

- for persons who have ever been told that they have a mental health disorder, and
- for persons who indicate they currently have a mental health or behavioural condition.

This data element is included in the Prisoner health NBEDS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants who have ever been told by a doctor, psychiatrist, psychologist or nurse that they have a mental health disorder (including drug and alcohol abuse).

This data element corresponds to the following questions of the Prison Entrants Form:

- 18a. Have you ever been told by a doctor, psychiatrist, psychologist, or nurse that you have a mental health or behavioural condition (including drug and alcohol abuse)?
- 18b. Do you currently have a mental health or behavioural condition?