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.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), 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.aihw.gov.au/content/297450) |
| Value Domain: | [Source of referral homelessness code N[N]](https://meteor.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.aihw.gov.au/content/401340)       [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 10/08/2018       [Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 23/08/2010 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2019-](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/689064)       [Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), 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). |