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# Person—legal order/arrangement type

#### Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element Concept

METEOR identifier: 269811

**Registration status:** Community Services (retired), Standard 01/03/2005

**Definition:** The type of legal order or legal arrangement, to which a person is a subject of, or

party to.

**Context:** The legal status of a person is directly relevant to service provision in some

community services areas (for example, care and protection orders in the child

protection area, juvenile justice orders, restraining orders in Supported

Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP)). It may also be useful for agencies to assist in the provision of appropriate legal and other services. Mental health legal status is required to monitor trends in the use of compulsory treatment provisions under State and Territory mental health legislation by Australian hospitals and community health care facilities including, 24 hour community based residential services. Mental health legal status is an essential metadata item within local records for those hospitals and community mental health services that provide

psychiatric treatment to involuntary patients.

Information on legal status also provides a way of examining the link between

clients and the criminal justice system and other service systems.

## **Object Class attributes**

#### Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class: Person

**Definition:** A human being.

#### Collection and usage attributes

**Comments:** Prior to 13 March 2018, the definition of the 'Person' Object class was 'A human

being, whether man, woman or child'. From 13 March 2018, the definition was edited by removing the words '...whether man, woman or child' so that a person is defined as 'A human being'. This amendment was undertaken to align the definition of a person with the *Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender* and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) *Standard for Sex and Gender Variables*, which recognise that there are sex and gender types that are

not exclusively male or female.

### Source and reference attributes

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

Origin: Macquarie University 2003. The Macquarie Dictionary 3rd ed. Sydney: The

Macquarie Library Pty. Ltd

Reference documents: Attorney-General's Department 2015. Australian Government Guidelines on the

Recognition of Sex and Gender. Viewed 26 July 2016,

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<u>AustralianGovernmentGuidelines</u>

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ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2016. Standard for Sex and Gender Variables, 2016. ABS Cat. no. 1200.0.55.012. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 26 July

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## **Property attributes**

## Identifying and definitional attributes

Property: Legal order/arrangement type

**Definition:** The type of legal order or legal arrangement.

Property group: <u>Legal characteristics</u>

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element concept attributes

#### Relational attributes

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:

Person—legal order/arrangement type, code N

Community Services (retired), Standard 29/04/2006

Person—legal order/arrangement type, code N{.N}

Community Services (retired), Superseded 02/05/2006