Child—abuse and neglect type, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Child abuse and neglect type
METEOR identifier:	270166
Registration status:	Community Services (retired), Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	The type of physical, sexual or emotional actions or inactions which have resulted in, or are likely to result in, significant harm or injury to a child, or risk of significant harm or injury to a child, as represented by a code.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Child—abuse and neglect type
METEOR identifier:	269627
Registration status:	Community Services (retired), Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	The type of physical, sexual or emotional actions or inactions which have resulted in, or are likely to result in, significant harm or injury to a child, or risk of significant harm or injury to a child.
Context:	There are considerable variations across States and Territories in the recording of type of abuse and neglect, reflecting each jurisdiction's own definitions, legislation, policies and practices relating to child protection and child welfare.
Object class:	Child
Property:	Abuse and neglect type

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Abuse and neglect type code N
METEOR identifier:	270742
Registration status:	Community Services (retired), Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	A code set representing types of abuse and neglect.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	**Meaning**
Permissible values:	1	Physical abuse
	2	Emotional abuse
	3	Sexual abuse
	4	Neglect

| | 5 | Other |
| **Supplementary values:** | 9 | Not stated/ inadequately described |

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	These categories may be used in different ways by different jurisdictions, depending on the state or territories own definitions, policies and practices. In addition, a child subject to abuse and neglect is often subject to more than one type of abuse and neglect (for example, sexual abuse is often also associated with emotional abuse).
Comments:	The National Child Protection and Support Services Working Group, is undertaking considerable work to improve the comparability of child protection data. This work will impact upon the definitions and data collections in the child protection area.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Reference documents:	Child protection, Australia, 1997–98 (AIHW)
	Comparability of Child Protection Data 1999 (AIHW)
	Children Protection Australia: data collection standards, tables, & counting rules 1998–1999 (AIHW)

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Has been superseded by Child—other type of abuse or neglect, code N[N] Children and Families, Superseded 11/05/2023 Community Services (retired), Recorded 19/08/2011
	Has been superseded by Child—primary type of abuse or neglect, code N[N] Children and Families, Standard 22/11/2016 Community Services (retired), Recorded 19/08/2011
	Is re-engineered from Child abuse and neglect type, version 2, DE, NCSDD, NCSIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf (15.3 KB) *No registration status*

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
DSS specific information:

In the Child Protection NMDS, this data element can be collected twice:

- the primary type of abuse or neglect; and
- the secondary type of abuse or neglect.

Where more than one type of abuse or neglect has occurred, the primary type of abuse should be the most serious type of harm, as determined by the investigating officer.

The secondary type of abuse or neglect should also be used where there is more than one abuse type recorded. The second most serious abuse type, as determined by the investigatory officer, should be provided.

[Child protection and support services (CPSS) - notifications, investigations, and substantiations NMDS pilot (2008)](#)
　　[Community Services (retired)](#), Retired 06/02/2012
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