
Service contact date

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000402 Version number: 1
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
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Definition: The date of each service contact between a health service provider and patient/client.
Context: The service contact is required for clinical audit and other quality assurance purposes.

NMDS Community mental health care
Collection of the date of each service contact with health service providers allows a description or profile of service utilisation by a person or persons during an episode of care.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: DATE
Representation layout: DDMMYYYY
Minimum Size: 8
Maximum Size: 8
Data Domain: NOVAL Valid date
Guide For Use: Requires services to record the date of each service contact, including the same date where multiple visits are made on one day (except where the visits may be regarded as a continuation of the one service contact).

Where an individual patient/client participates in a group activity, a service contact date is recorded if the person's participation in the group activity results in a dated entry being made in the patient's/client's record.
Collection Methods: For collection from community based (ambulatory and non-

