Communication method

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCSDD

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Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

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Definition: The method of communication, including sign language, most

effectively used by the person.

The communication must be effective of itself, that is the person must be able to communicate more than just basic needs, to

unfamiliar people using the method.

Context: Client support needs:

Method of communication is an important indicator of potential barriers to social integration, particularly in conjunction with country of birth data and information on language spoken at home.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational CODE

form:

Representation N

layout:

Minimum Size: 1 Maximum Size: 1

Data Domain: 0 Child aged under 5 years (not applicable)

1 Little, or no effective communication

2 Sign language

3 Other effective non-spoken communication (e.g. e-

mail)

Spoken language (effective)
Other method of communication
Not stated/ inadequately described

Guide For Use: This item is considered 'not applicable' to children under 5

because of the difficulty in assessing communication at early developmental stages. The ABS in the Survey of Disability,

Ageing and Carers only asks questions about difficulty and assistance with communication for people aged 5 years and older. Hence, children aged 0-4 years should be coded as '0'. The communication may be in a language other than English, even where the person can speak fluent English.

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2002. Commonwealth

State/Territory Disability Agreement National Minimum Data Set collection: Data guide-data items and definitions 2002-03

Source Organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NCSIM Functional characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element