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# Total drug and alcohol care days

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary:

Knowledgebase ID: 000641                      Version number: 0

Metadata type: DERIVED DATA ELEMENT

Registration Authority: NHDC                      Admin status: RETIRED

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Definition: The sum of the number of days or part days of stay that the person was an admitted patient, within a designated drug and alcohol unit, minus the sum of leave days occurring during the stay within the designated unit.

Context: Institutional drug and alcohol care days: this data element is required to identify the characteristics of patients treated in specialist drug and alcohol units located within acute hospitals and to analyse the activities of these units.

Community drug and alcohol care: this data element is required to identify the characteristics of patients treated in specialist drug and alcohol 24-hour staffed community-based residential services and to analyse the activities of these units.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form: QUANTITATIVE VALUE

Representation layout: NNN

Minimum Size: 1

Maximum Size: 3

Data Domain: NOVAL      Count in number of days

Verification Rules: Total days in drug and alcohol care must be:

->=zero

and -<=length of stay, where length of stay is calculated as (date of separation minus date of admission) minus total leave days.

