
Date of birth

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHADD
Knowledgebase ID: 000743 Version number: 1
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHDAMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
Effective date: 01-MAR-05
Definition: The Date of birth of the person.
Context: If the data element Age is not collected, this data element can be used to derive age for use both in comparisons with population data and in analysis of service use by age group. Date of birth can also be used as an aid to uniquely identify a client if other identifying information is missing or in question.

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: It is recommended that in cases where all components of the Date of birth are not known or where an estimate is arrived at from age, a valid date be used together with a flag to indicate that it is an estimate.
Related metadata: is supplemented by the data element Age version 1 relates to the data element Record linkage version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: National Community Services Data Dictionary
National Health Data Dictionary
Source Organisation: National Community Services Data Committee
National Health Data Committee

Comments: Privacy issues need to be taken account in asking persons their Date of birth.
Wherever possible and appropriate, Date of birth should be used rather than age because the actual Date of birth allows more precise calculation of Age where this is important, and allows calculation of age for any given year.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

Data Agreements which include this Data Element
