Sex

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHADD

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Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

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Definition: The sex of the person.

The term 'sex' refers to the biological differences between males and

females.

Context: Demographic detail and service planning:

Required for analysis of service utilisation, and need for services.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational CODE

form:

Representation N

layout:

Minimum Size: 1 Maximum Size: 1

Data Domain: 1 Male

2 Female

9 Not stated / inadequately described

Guide For Use: Where uncertainty exists about the sex of the person (e.g. for

transvestites or transsexuals) the gender to be recorded is to be based on the gender nominated by the person themselves or on the observations/judgment of the interviewer. Although this may lead to some error, it is considered preferable to any offence that may be caused by a question that suggests that there is some

doubt about the person's gender or sexuality.

Coding option 9 should only be used when the person has not provided this information upon request and/or the service provider is unable to make an informed judgment about the

person's gender.

Collection Methods: It is suggested that the following format be used for data collection:

What is your (the person's) sex?

Male?

Female?

Information collection for transsexuals and people with

transgender issues should be based on the gender nominated by

the person themselves.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Record linkage version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: ABS Directory of concepts and standards for social, labour and

demographic statistics, 1993

Source Organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

Data Agreements which include this Data Element