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# Actual place of birth

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000003                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHIMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 30-JUN-01  
Definition: The actual place where the birth occurred.  
Context: Perinatal statistics:  
Used to analyse the risk factors and outcomes by place of birth.  
While most deliveries occur within hospitals, an increasing number of births now occur in other settings. It is important to monitor the births occurring outside hospitals and to ascertain whether or not the actual place of delivery was planned.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric  
Representational form: CODE  
Representation layout: N  
Minimum Size: 1  
Maximum Size: 1  
Data Domain: 1                      Hospital  
                  2                      Birth centre, attached to hospital  
                  3                      Birth centre, free-standing  
                  4                      Home  
                  8                      Other  
                  9                      Not stated

Guide For Use: This is to be recorded for each baby the mother delivers from this pregnancy.

Related metadata: is a qualifier of Intended place of birth version 1  
has been superseded by Actual place of birth version 2

