
Specialised mental health service

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
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Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT CONCEPT
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Definition: Specialised mental health services are those with a primary function to provide treatment, rehabilitation or community health support targeted towards people with a mental disorder or psychiatric disability. These activities are delivered from a service or facility that is readily identifiable as both specialised and serving a mental health care function.
The concept of a specialised mental health service is not dependent on the inclusion of the service within the State or Territory mental health budget.
A service is not defined as a specialised mental health service solely because its clients include people affected by a mental disorder or psychiatric disability.
The definition excludes specialist drug and alcohol services and services for people with intellectual disabilities, except where they are established to assist people affected by a mental disorder who also have drug and alcohol related disorders or intellectual disability.
These services can be a sub-unit of a hospital even where the hospital is not a specialised mental health establishment itself (e.g. designated psychiatric units and wards, outpatient clinics etc).
Context: Hospitals and community mental health establishments and residential mental health establishments.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:
Related metadata: relates to the data element Establishment type version 1
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Administrative Attributes

Source Document:
Source Organisation:

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Service delivery setting

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

NMDS - Community mental health From 01-Jul-04 to
establishments

NMDS - Residential mental health care From 01-Jul-04 to
