

# Specialised mental health service—residual expenditure (support services)

**Metadata item type:** Data Element Concept  
**METEOR identifier:** 295456  
**Registration status:**

- [Health](#), Standard 08/12/2004

**Definition:** Expenditures by specialised mental health services that cannot be directly related to programs operated by a particular organisation or service unit (that is, can only be indirectly related to a particular organisation or service unit). It refers to the cost of administration and other support services provided at the region-level. Such services include regional administration, information systems, personnel, finance and accounting functions. These services are usually provided from a central pool of resources managed at a regional level.

It also refers to the cost of administration and other support services provided at the organisation-level. Such services include corporate governance and administration, public relations, hospital administration, information systems, personnel, finance and accounting functions. These services are generally provided from a central pool of resources managed at the corporate level for all programs/business units of the organisation.

These costs generally represent only part of the organisation administrative and infrastructure overheads which may or may not be charged out against the mental health program.

**Context:** Specialised mental health service: to improve and substantiate financial reporting in relation to residual mental health care expenditure and assist in understanding differences in costs for similar specialised mental health service in different states or territories and regions, where these cost differences are due to differences in the extent to which support services and other services to residents/admitted patients and outpatients of an organisation or service unit may be provided by the organisation or service unit itself or by other bodies

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Object class:** [Specialised mental health service](#)  
**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.  
**Context:** Hospitals and community mental health establishments and residential mental health establishments.  
**Specialisation of:** [Service/care event](#)

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

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).

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Residual expenditure](#)

**Definition:** Expenditure that cannot be directly related to programs operated by a particular organisation or service unit (that is, can only be indirectly related to a particular organisation or service unit).

**Property group:** [Financial characteristics](#)

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National minimum data set working parties

## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes

**Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:**

[Specialised mental health service—residual expenditure \(support services\), total Australian currency N\[N\(8\)\]](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 17/08/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 16/01/2020

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- [Health](#), Standard 16/01/2020