

Child protection and support services (CPSS) - notifications, investigations, and substantiations NMDS (July 2007)

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier:	314520
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Superseded 01/05/2008
DSS type:	National Minimum Data Set (NMDS)
Scope:	<p>The Child Protection and Support Services National Minimum Data Set (CPSS NDMS), is designed to capture information on all children and young people involved in the child protection systems throughout Australia. There are three collections within the CPSS NMDS, all of which are unit record data. The first is the child protection specific data, which includes contacts, notifications, substantiations and services provided. The second is data on children who are on care and protection orders. The third is data on children in out-of-home care.</p> <p><i>Child protection contacts, notifications and substantiation data collection.</i></p> <p>All contacts made to the child protection authorities during the collection period should be included. Also, any contact that was made during a previous reporting period that was finalised in the collection period should also be included.</p> <p>A contact is where the community services department receives, records and assesses initial information about a concern regarding maltreatment and/or welfare of a child. This includes contacts made by persons or other bodies where there are concerns about a child. They can include allegations of child abuse or neglect, maltreatment or harm or risk of harm to a child. They may also include broader concerns about the health and well-being of a child. Contacts do not include brief calls where the department can be of no assistance, for example if the caller has a concern about a child's educational attainment, this would most likely be redirected to the education department, and should not be recorded as a contact. Contacts are relevant to persons who are aged 0–17 years, and to unborn children in jurisdictions where they are covered under the child protection legislation.</p>

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Child Protection and Support Services (NCPASS) data group
Steward:	National Community Services Information Management Group (NCSIMG)
Origin:	Child protection and support services data dictionary. AIHW Version 1.0 Oct 2005.
Reference documents:	Child Protection and Support Services National Minimum Data Set Data Collection manual. AIHW Sept 2005.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	<p>Has been superseded by Child protection and support services (CPSS) - notifications, investigations, and substantiations NMDS pilot (2008)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Retired 06/02/2012
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Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Child protection and support services (CPSS) care arrangements cluster	Optional	1
-	Child protection and support services (CPSS) client cluster	Mandatory	1
-	Child protection notification—assessment decision date, DDMMYYYY	Optional	1
-	Child protection notification—assessment decision type, code N	Optional	1
-	Child protection notification—care and protection order flag, code N	Conditional	1
-	Child protection notification—contact date, DDMMYYYY	Optional	1
-	Child protection notification—employment service type, code N[N]	Optional	1
-	Child protection notification—investigation commencement date, DDMMYYYY	Optional	1
-	Child protection notification—investigation conclusion date, DDMMYYYY	Optional	1
-	Child protection notification—investigation outcome, code N	Optional	1
-	Child protection notification—out-of-home care flag, code N	Optional	1
-	Child protection notification—relationship to child of person believed responsible, code NN	Optional	1
-	Child protection notification—relationship to child of source of notification, code N[N]	Optional	1
-	Child protection notification—unborn child status, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Child—abuse and neglect type, code N	Optional	1
-	Person (address)—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}	Optional	1
-	Person (address)—suburb/town/locality name, text A[A(49)]	Optional	99
-	Person—person identifier, (child protection and support services) NX[X(13)]	Conditional	1
-	Service event—assistance type, child protection code N	Optional	1