# Referral—contact method, code N

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#### Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Referral contact method
METEOR identifier:	323145
Registration status:	Community Services (retired), Standard 29/04/2006
Definition:	The means by which a person makes contact with an agency at the time of referral, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Referral—contact method
Value Domain:	Contact method code N

## Value domain attributes

#### **Representational attributes**

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	Ν	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Face to face
	2	Over the telephone
	3	In writing (including electronic)
	4	Other method of referral/contact
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Data element attributes

#### **Collection and usage attributes**

Guide for use:	This metadata item only describes the way in which contact regarding referral to an agency was made. It can be applied to anyone, including self referral, or any party making referral. Source of referral to a service provider agency provides the information on who is actually making the referral.	
Collection methods:	This information should be collected at the time initial contact regarding the referral is made.	

#### Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Reference documents:	Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) National Data Collection Agency 2001. National Data Collection Data Dictionary. Version 2. Unpublished

#### **Relational attributes**

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