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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)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269470) |
| Value Domain: | [Contact method code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270628) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
| 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 |



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| 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 Unpublished |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 | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Referral—referral or contact method, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269952)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Superseded 02/05/2006  Is re-engineered from  [Referral/ contact method, version 1, DE, NCSDD, NCSIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/273506)  (14.8 KB)  *No registration status* |