Record linkage

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Glossary Item
METEOR identifier:	327264
Registration status:	Community Services (retired), Standard 01/03/2005 Health, Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	A process, technique or method that enables the bringing together of two or more records that are believed to belong to the same individual.
Context:	Record linkage may facilitate improved service provision, treatment or case management to individual clients.

Collection and usage attributes

Comments:	Linkage can occur across data systems or within data systems and may be done by using a range of identifiers.
	For statistical purposes, including planning, research or the measurement of service or program outcomes, record linkage facilitates separating multiple items clustered around individuals from total counts (for example, double counting of clients can be reduced when calculating total numbers of clients across several agencies).
	The proposed use of a linkage key in the Home and Community Care program (HACC) Minimum Data Set is intended to make it possible to count the number of HACC clients (without counting clients more than once) and the services which they receive. The Commonwealth-State Territory Disability Agreement National Minimum Data Set is using the statistical linkage key based on that for the HACC Minimum Data Set.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Origin:	Commonwealth Department of Health and Family Services 1998 Home and Community Care (HACC) Data Dictionary Version 1.0 Canberra: DHFS

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Is re-engineered from Record linkage, version 2, DEC, NCSDD, NCSIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf (13.6 KB) *No registration status*

Metadata items which use this glossary item:

[Estimated date flag code N](#)
[Community Services (retired)](#), Standard 01/03/2005

[Lung cancer (clinical) DSS](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 14/05/2015

[Lung cancer (clinical) NBPDS](#)
[Health](#), Standard 14/05/2015

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2014-18](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2018–19](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2019–20](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 16/01/2020

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2020–21](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2021–22](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2022–23](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 09/12/2022

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2023–24](#)
[Health](#), Standard 09/12/2022

[Person (name)—family name, text X[X(39)]](#)
[Community Services (retired)](#), Superseded 25/08/2005
[Health](#), Superseded 04/05/2005

[Person (name)—given name, text X[X(39)]](#)
[Community Services (retired)](#), Superseded 25/08/2005
[Health](#), Superseded 04/05/2005

[Person (name)—given name, text X[X(39)]](#)
[Community Services (retired)](#), Superseded 06/02/2012
[Health](#), Superseded 05/10/2016
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 20/06/2005
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 01/09/2016