Person—communication method, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Communication method
METEOR identifier:	345093
Registration status:	Community Services (retired), Standard 27/04/2007
	Disability, Standard 07/10/2014
Definition:	The method of communication, including sign language, most effectively used by the person, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—communication method
Value Domain:	Communication method code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Spoken language
	2	Sign language
	3	Other effective non-spoken communication (e.g. Canon Communicator, Compic)
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODES 1, 2 and 3
	The communication must be effective in that the person must be able to communicate more than just basic needs, to unfamiliar people, using this method.
	This item is considered 'not applicable' to young children, i.e. children aged 0–4 years.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Reference documents:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2006. Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement National Minimum Data Set (CSTDA NMDS): data guide. Canberra: AIHW.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

| **Comments:** | Method of communication is an important indicator of potential barriers to social inclusion, particularly in conjunction with data on country of birth and interpreter services required. |

Source and reference attributes

| **Submitting organisation:** | CSTDA NMDS Network. |
| **Reference documents:** | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2006. Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement National Minimum Data Set (CSTDA NMDS): data guide. Canberra: AIHW. |

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Person—communication method, code N Community Services (retired), Superseded 27/04/2007
	See also Person—effective communication indicator, code N Disability, Standard 29/02/2016
	See also Person—effective communication indicator, code N Community Services (retired), Standard 27/04/2007 Disability, Superseded 29/02/2016
Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS - 1 July 2006 Community Services (retired), Superseded 14/12/2008
	DSS specific information:
	If the communication method varies over time and it is difficult to say what the usual method is, please report the most effective method during the reference week.
	This data item is used in conjunction with Effective communication indicator.
	Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS (July 2008) Community Services (retired), Superseded 11/11/2009
	DSS specific information:
	If the communication method varies over time and it is difficult to say what the usual method is, please report the most effective method during the reference week.
	This data item is used in conjunction with Effective communication indicator.
	Disability Services NMDS 2009-10 Community Services (retired), Superseded 15/12/2011
	Implementation start date: 01/07/2009
	DSS specific information:
	If the communication method varies over time and it is difficult to say what the usual method is, please report the most effective method during the reference week.
	This data item is used in conjunction with Effective communication indicator.
	Disability Services NMDS 2010-11 Community Services (retired), Superseded 15/12/2011
	Implementation start date: 01/07/2010
	DSS specific information:
	If the communication method varies over time and it is difficult to say what the usual method is, please report the most effective method during the reference week.
	This data item is used in conjunction with Effective communication indicator.
	Disability Services NMDS 2011-12 Community Services (retired), Superseded 13/03/2013
	Implementation start date: 01/07/2011
	DSS specific information:
	If the communication method varies over time and it is difficult to say what the usual method is, please report the most effective method during the reference week.

This data item is used in conjunction with Effective communication indicator.

[Disability Services NMDS 2012-14](#)
    [Community Services (retired)](#), Standard 13/03/2013
Implementation start date: 01/07/2012
Implementation end date: 30/06/2014
DSS specific information:

This data item is used in conjunction with 'Effective communication indicator'.

In the DS NMDS, the method of communication along with how effective it is are collected in one question using the following codes:

1 Spoken language (effective)

2 Sign language (effective)

3 Other effective non-spoken communication (e.g. Canon Communicator, Compic)

4 Little, or no effective communication

5 Child aged under 5 years (not applicable)

If the communication method varies over time and it is difficult to say what the usual method is, please report the most effective method during the reference week.

[Disability Services NMDS 2014-15](#)
    [Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016
Implementation start date: 01/07/2014
Implementation end date: 30/06/2015
DSS specific information:

This data item is used in conjunction with 'Effective communication indicator'.

In the Disability Services Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), the method of communication along with how effective it is are collected in one question using the following codes:

1 Spoken language (effective)

2 Sign language (effective)

3 Other effective non-spoken communication (e.g. Canon Communicator, Compic)

4 Little, or no effective communication

5 Child aged under 5 years (not applicable)

If the communication method varies over time and it is difficult to say what the usual method is, please report the most effective method during the reference week.

[Disability Services NMDS 2015–16](#)
    [Disability](#), Superseded 28/09/2016
Implementation start date: 01/07/2015
Implementation end date: 30/06/2016
DSS specific information:

In the Disability Services Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), this data element is used in conjunction with '[Person—effective communication indicator, code N](#)'.

In the DS NMDS, the method of communication along with how effective it is are collected in one question using the following codes:

1 Spoken language (effective)

2 Sign language (effective)

3 Other effective non-spoken communication (e.g. Canon Communicator, Compic)

4 Little, or no effective communication

5 Child aged under 5 years (not applicable)

If the communication method varies over time and it is difficult to say what the usual method is, please report the most effective method during the reference week.

[Disability Services NMDS 2016–17](#)
[Disability](#), Superseded 15/12/2017
Implementation start date: 01/07/2016
Implementation end date: 30/06/2017
DSS specific information:

In the Disability Services National Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), this data element is used in conjunction with '[Person—effective communication indicator, code N](#)'.

In the DS NMDS, the method of communication along with how effective it is are collected in one question using the following codes:

1 Spoken language (effective)

2 Sign language (effective)

3 Other effective non-spoken communication (e.g. Canon Communicator, Compic)

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[Disability Services NMDS 2017–18](#)
[Disability](#), Superseded 05/07/2019
Implementation start date: 01/07/2017
Implementation end date: 30/06/2018
DSS specific information:

In the Disability Services National Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), this data element is used in conjunction with '[Person—effective communication indicator, code N](#)'.

In the DS NMDS, the method of communication along with how effective it is are collected in one question using the following codes:

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Implementation start date: 01/07/2018
Implementation end date: 30/06/2019
DSS specific information:

In the Disability Services National Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), this data element is used in conjunction with '[Person—effective communication indicator, code N](#)'.

In the DS NMDS, the method of communication along with how effective it is are collected in one question using the following codes:

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