

Child protection and support services (CPSS) - care and protection order episode NMDS (July 2007)

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Set Specification

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Registration status:

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 01/05/2008

DSS type: National Minimum Data Set (NMDS)

Scope: 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.

Care and protection orders data set

All children or young people who are under a care and protection order at 1 July of the collection year should be included, provided that there is a break of no more than 2 weeks between orders. All children who were placed on a care and protection order during the collection period should also be included.

An episode is the period of time in which a child is under a care and protection order.

The concept of an episode is crucial to the collection of information regarding a child on care and protection orders. It provides information on the length of time children are on care and protection orders and also the type of orders children are subject to.

Each order type is considered a discrete care and protection order episode, delineated by an entry date and exit date.

Collection and usage attributes

Statistical unit: Unit record data.

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 National Minimum Data Set, Data Collection Manual, AIHW September 2005.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Child protection and support services \(CPSS\) - care and protection order episode NMDS pilot \(2008\)](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Retired 06/02/2012

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Child protection and support services (CPSS) client cluster	Conditional	1
-	Client—case plan review date, DDMMYYYY	Conditional	1
-	Client—first care and protection order indicator, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Client—initial case plan date, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
-	Person—residential setting, child protection code N	Mandatory	2
-	Service episode—care and protection order type, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY	Conditional	1
-	Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	3
-	Service episode—reason for order expiry, care and protection code N	Mandatory	1