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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier:	355790
Registration status:	[Community Services (retired)](), Standard 30/04/2008 [Non Dictionary]
DSS type:	Data Element Cluster
Scope:	This cluster is referred to as the CPSS client file. It is used in all three of the CPSS NMDS, all of which are unit record data. The first is the child protection specific data, which includes notifications, investigations and 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.
	The Child Protection and Support Services National Minimum Data Set (CPSS NMDS), is designed to capture information on all children and young people involved in the child protection systems throughout Australia.

Collection and usage attributes

Implementation start date:	22/06/2007

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Child Protection and Support Services data working group (NCPASS).
Steward:	[National Child Protection and Support Services data group]()
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Related metadata references:	Has been superseded by [Child protection (CP) client file cluster]() [Children and Families](), Superseded 22/11/2016
	Has been superseded by [Child protection (CP) client file cluster]() [Children and Families](), Superseded 22/11/2016 [Community Services (retired)](), Recorded 09/10/2014
	Has been superseded by [Child protection and support services (CPSS) client DSS Pilot (2010)]() [Community Services (retired)](), Recorded 19/08/2011

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Child protection and support services (CPSS) - out-of-home care NMDS (July 2007)](#)
    [Community Services (retired)](#), Superseded 01/05/2008

[Child protection and support services (CPSS) - out-of-home care NMDS pilot (2008)](#)
    [Community Services (retired)](#), Retired 06/02/2012

[Child protection and support services (CPSS) - care and protection order episode NMDS (July 2007)](#)
    [Community Services (retired)](#), Superseded 01/05/2008

[Child protection and support services (CPSS) - care and protection order episode NMDS pilot (2008)](#)
    [Community Services (retired)](#), Retired 06/02/2012

[Child protection and support services (CPSS) - notifications, investigations, and substantiations NMDS (July 2007)](#)
    [Community Services (retired)](#), Superseded 01/05/2008

[Child protection and support services (CPSS) - notifications, investigations, and substantiations NMDS pilot (2008)](#)
    [Community Services (retired)](#), Retired 06/02/2012

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Date—estimate indicator, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Person—activity and participation life area, code (ICF 2001) AN[NNN]	Optional	9

Conditional obligation:

Identification of an activity and participation life area is not required if the child does not have an identified need for assistance.

DSS specific information:

In the Child Protection NMDS, this data element refers to the need for assistance as a result of an underlying long-term health condition or disability. Need for assistance is determined when a child's needs are greater than fully functioning children of the same age.

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
-	Person—disability group, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Person—Indigenous status, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Person—letters of family name, text XXX	Mandatory	1
-	Person—letters of given name, text XX	Mandatory	1
-	Person—main language other than English spoken at home, code (ASCL 2005) NN{NN}	Mandatory	1
-	Person—need for assistance with activities in a life area, code N	Optional	9

DSS specific information:

In the Child Protection NMDS, this data element refers to the need for assistance as a result of an underlying long-term health condition or disability. Need for assistance is determined when a child's needs are greater than fully functioning children of the same age.

If the child has a need for assistance then an activity and participation life area will be required.

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Person—person identifier, (child protection and support services) NX[X(13)]	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

This identifier is used to identifer clients across all CPSS data files.

The unique client identifier should be assigned by the state or territory community services department when the child first comes in contact with the department. The child should retain the same unique identifier across time. This data element should be recorded for each child for each contact, care and protection order and out-of-home care episode.

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Person—sex, code N	Mandatory	1