

Prison entrant—mental health service referral, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Mental health service referral
METEOR identifier:	365460
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 30/05/2016
Definition:	An indicator of whether a prison entrant has been referred to prison mental health services for observation and further assessment, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Prison entrant—mental health service referral indicator
Value Domain:	Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Boolean	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Yes
	2	No
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described
	This code is not for use in primary data collections.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: At the prison reception assessment, prison entrants may be referred to prison mental health services for observation and further assessment. Prison mental health services provide access to specialist mental health nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists and in-patient services where the prisoners receive counselling and intervention programs.

Under the *National Action Plan on Mental Health 2006-2011* (COAG 2006) jurisdictions are required to provide details on the prevalence of mental illness among people who are newly sentenced to prison and enhance mental health services for people in contact with the justice system.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: [COAG \(Council of Australian Governments\) 2006. National Action Plan on Mental Health 2006-2011. Canberra: COAG.](#)

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Prison entrant—mental health service referral indicator, prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N](#)
[Health](#), Standard 28/04/2016

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Prison entrants DSS](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 28/04/2016

DSS specific information:

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants who, at reception, were referred to mental health services for observation and further assessment.