

Child protection and support services (CPSS) - notifications, investigations, and substantiations NMDS pilot (2008)

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Set Specification

METEOR identifier: 367251

Registration status:

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

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 pilot CPSS NMDS, all of which are unit record data. The first is the child protection specific data, which includes notifications, substantiations and investigation 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.

Child protection notifications, investigations and substantiation data collection.

All notifications made to the child protection authorities during the collection period should be included. Also, any notification that was made during a previous reporting period that was finalised in the collection period should also be included.

A notification consists of reports made to an authorised department by persons or other bodies making allegations of child abuse or neglect, child maltreatment or harm to a child. Notification should not include reports regarding wider concerns about children or families which are classified as child concern reports.

Notifications are relevant to persons who are aged 0–17 years, and to unborn children in jurisdictions where they are covered under the child protection legislation.

Collection and usage attributes

Comments: The implementation of the unit record data collections across all jurisdictions has not been finalised. Further results from the pilot testing and current aggregate data collections will be investigated prior to completion of a revised NMDS.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Child Protection and Support Services data group
Origin:	Child protection and support services data dictionary. AIHW Version 1.0 Oct 2005.
Reference documents:	Child Protection and Support Services National Minimum Data Set Data Collection manual. AIHW Sept 2005.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	<p>Supersedes Child protection and support services (CPSS) - notifications, investigations, and substantiations NMDS (July 2007)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Superseded 01/05/2008 <p>Has been superseded by Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) DSS Pilot 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Recorded 19/08/2011 <p>Has been superseded by Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and Families, Superseded 22/11/2016• Community Services (retired), Recorded 09/10/2014
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Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Child protection and support services (CPSS) client cluster	Mandatory	1
-	Child protection notification—assessment decision date, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
-	Child protection notification—assessment decision type, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Child protection notification—care and protection order flag, code N	Optional	1
-	Child protection notification—contact date, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
-	Child protection notification—employment service type, code N[N]	Mandatory	1
-	Child protection notification—finalised investigation outcome indicator, code N	Conditional	1
-	Child protection notification—investigation commencement date, DDMMYYYY	Conditional	1
-	Child protection notification—investigation conclusion date, DDMMYYYY	Conditional	1
-	Child protection notification—investigation outcome, code N	Conditional	1
-	Child protection notification—out-of-home care flag, code N	Optional	1
-	Child protection notification—relationship to child of source of notification, code N[N]	Mandatory	1
-	Child protection notification—unborn child status, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Child—abuse and neglect type, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Child—household parental care type, (child protection) code N[N]	Optional	1
-	Person (address)—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}	Mandatory	1
-	Person (address)—suburb/town/locality name, text A[A(49)]	Mandatory	1
-	Person—person identifier, (child protection and support services) NX[X(13)]	Mandatory	1
-	Service event—assistance type, child protection code N	Conditional	6

