

Child protection notification—investigation outcome, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Investigation outcome (child protection notification)
Synonymous names:	Investigation outcome
METEOR identifier:	367320
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 30/04/2008 [Non Dictionary]
Definition:	The outcome of an investigation where a decision has been made as to whether a child has been, is being, or is likely to be abused, neglected or otherwise harmed, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Child protection notification—investigation outcome
Value Domain:	Investigation outcome code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Investigation finalised
	2	Investigation in process
	3	Investigation not able to be commenced or completed

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Once an investigation is finalised an outcome is recorded in the system. CODE 1 Investigation finalised A finalised investigation is a notification received in a financial year which was investigated and the investigation was completed and an outcome of substantiated or not substantiated recorded by 31 August of the following financial year. Finalised investigations are broken down into 'Substantiated' and 'Not substantiated' categories. CODE 2 Investigation in process Where the investigation was ongoing at the end of a period. CODE 3 Investigation not able to be commenced or completed Where every effort has been made to investigate the concern, but was not possible.
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods: The outcome should be recorded once the assessment has been completed and a decision has been made as to whether a child has been, is being or is likely to be abused, neglected or otherwise harmed.

This does not include cases where the investigation is still in progress.

Comments: This is important to measure the proportion of investigations that are substantiated. It is also important to determine the outcomes of children who are in contact with community services departments.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Child Protection and Support Services data group (NCPASS).

Origin: Child protection and support services data dictionary. AIHW Version 1.0 Oct 2005.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Child protection notification—investigation outcome, code N Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 30/04/2008

Has been superseded by [Child protection notification—investigation outcome, code N Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 30/04/2008

Has been superseded by [Child protection notification—investigation status, code N\[N\] Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011

See also [Child protection notification—finalised investigation outcome indicator, code N Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 30/04/2008

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Child protection and support services \(CPSS\) - notifications, investigations, and substantiations NMDS pilot \(2008\) Community Services \(retired\)](#), Retired 06/02/2012