

# Person—source of information on a mental health condition, code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Source of information indicating mental illness
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	400112
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Homelessness</a>, Superseded 10/08/2018</li><li>• <a href="#">Housing assistance</a>, Standard 23/08/2010</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	Source of information available that indicates a person may have a mental illness or mental health condition, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—source of information on a mental health condition</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

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<b>Data type:</b>	Number														
<b>Format:</b>	N														
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1														
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### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

CODE 1 Agency worker

The person appears to the agency worker to have an undiagnosed mental health condition.

CODE 2 Health professional

The person has been diagnosed with a mental health condition by a doctor, nurse or other health professional.

CODE 3 Non-government agency

A non-government agency offering disability support programs, or a local community support program, whose target population includes those with a mental illness.

CODE 4 Family, friends, carers

Family, carers, friends or others who know the applicant well, and are concerned that the person may have an undiagnosed mental illness.

CODE 5 Self-identified

The person reports that they have a mental illness but does not have contact with specialised mental health service or other relevant service providers at this point in time.

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Collection methods:**

The permissible values for this data element are used to form the response categories to the question:

"Is there additional information about the client, either formal or informal, that indicates a mental health condition?"

**Comments:**

This data element is based on the PHaMs (Personal Helpers and Mentors Program) screening tool; it is a useful flag for mental health issues where more accurate evidence is not available.

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

See also [Person—formally diagnosed mental health condition indicator, code N](#)

- [Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018
- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010

See also [Person—source of information on a mental health condition indicator, code N](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 19/09/2013
- [Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018
- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 01/05/2013

Has been superseded by [Person—source of information on a mental health issue, code N](#)

- [Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDs 2011 Homelessness](#), Superseded 01/05/2013  
[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2011

**DSS specific information:**

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected for all clients.

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2012-13Homelessness](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013

**DSS specific information:**

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected for all clients.

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2013-14Homelessness](#), Superseded 26/08/2014

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 26/08/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014

**Conditional obligation:**

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is conditional on the client providing consent to release their personal data to the AIHW. The data element Client—consent obtained indicator, yes/no code N, must receive a response of Yes (CODE 1).

It is also conditional on a response of Yes (CODE 1) to *Person—source of information on a mental health condition indicator, code N*.

**DSS specific information:**

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.

This data element is collected from the perspective of the agency worker. The agency worker may answer this question based on their personal observations, or from information volunteered by the client. If the client does not agree to answer the questions which require consent, the agency worker will be unable to report this information.

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2014-15Homelessness](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015

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[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2015-17Homelessness](#), Superseded 24/11/2016

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

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[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2017-19Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2017

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2019

**Conditional obligation:**

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is conditional on the client providing consent to release their personal data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. The data element [Client—consent obtained indicator, yes/no code N](#), must receive a response of Yes (Code 1).

It is also conditional on a response of Yes (Code 1) to [Person—source of information on a mental health condition indicator, code N](#).

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