

Referral—formal referral source, homelessness code N[N]

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Formal referral source
METEOR identifier:	401340
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homelessness, Superseded 10/08/2018• Housing assistance, Standard 23/08/2010
Definition:	The person, entity or agency responsible for the formal referral of a client to an agency, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Referral—referral source

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

Permissible values:

Value	Meaning
1	Specialist Homelessness Agency/outreach worker
2	Telephone/crisis referral agency
3	Centrelink or employment service case worker
4	Child protection agency
5	Family and child support agency
6	Hospital
7	Mental health service
8	Disability support service
9	Drug and alcohol service
10	Aged care service
11	Social housing
12	Youth or juvenile justice correctional centre
13	Adult correctional facility
14	Legal unit (including legal aid)
15	School/other education institution
16	Police
17	Courts
18	Immigration department or asylum seeker/refugee support service
19	Other agency (government or non-government)
20	Family and/or friends
21	Other
22	Don't know

Supplementary values:

Value	Meaning
99	Not stated/inadequately described

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

Only formal referrals are collected in this data element. The list of forms of referrals in the classification or value domain are regarded as formal referrals.

A formal referral is any form of verbal or written contact with the person, group or organisation from which the individual or group could be referred.

Collection methods:

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

'From the referral list below please select one that represents the source of formal referral for this client.'

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by [Referral—formal referral source, homelessness code N\[N\]](#)

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

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2011Homelessness](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

[Housing assistance](#), Superseded 01/05/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

[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

[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 item is only asked of clients.

DSS specific information:

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

This collection records a response of Don't Know (CODE 99), which is equivalent to the code Don't know/Not sure (CODE 22) in the Standard.

[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

Conditional obligation:

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DSS specific information:

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This collection records a response of Don't Know (CODE 99), which is equivalent to the code Don't know/Not sure (CODE 22) in the Standard.

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

Conditional obligation:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients.

DSS specific information:

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This collection records a response of Don't Know (CODE 99), which is equivalent to the code Don't know/Not sure (CODE 22) in the Standard.

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

Conditional obligation:

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DSS specific information:

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