Child protection notification—no suitable caregiver indicator, yes/no code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element

Short name: No suitable caregiver indicator

METEOR identifier: 455286

Registration status: Community Services (retired), Recorded 19/08/2011 [Non Dictionary]

Definition: An indicator of whether a notification was made to the Department responsible for

child protection services in regards to a lack of suitable caregiver for a child, as

represented by a code.

Data Element Concept: Child protection notification—no suitable caregiver indicator

Value Domain: Yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class: Code

Data type: Number

Format: N

Maximum character length: 1

Value Meaning

Permissible values: 1 Yes

2 No

Supplementary values: 7 Not applicable

9 Not stated/inadequately described

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: A response of 'CODE 1 Yes' means a notification has been made that a child

does not have a suitable caregiver, whereas a response of 'CODE 2 No,' means

the notification is unrelated to the absence of a of suitable caregiver.

This data element is used to collect information regarding instances where a notification has been made in regards to a lack of a suitable caregiver for a child. In these instances, the notification is not in relation to abuse or neglect, but rather, a caregiver is not available to care for a child. For example, both parents of a child die in a car accident and no caregiver is available to care for the child. The child may need to be placed in care, but not for reasons of abuse or neglect.

In some jurisdictions, these cases are deemed to to require a child protection response and are treated as per other notifications, whilst other jurisdictions will not

record these cases in this data collection.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Performance and Data Working Group

Origin: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2010. Child protection and

support services National Minimum Data Set, data collection manual for the 2010

pilot collection. AlHW: Canberra.

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) DSS Pilot 2010

Specifications: <u>Community Services (retired)</u>, Recorded 19/08/2011