Child—primary type of abuse or neglect, code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Primary type of abuse or neglect (child protection)
Synonymous names:	Substantiated primary type of abuse
METEOR identifier:	455487
Registration status:	Children and Families, Standard 22/11/2016 Community Services (retired), Recorded 19/08/2011 [Non Dictionary]
Definition:	The most serious type of abuse or neglect that has caused, or is likely to cause, injury or harm to a child, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Child—primary type of abuse or neglect
Value Domain:	Child abuse or neglect type code N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N[N]	
Maximum character length:	2	
	Value	**Meaning**
Permissible values:	1	Physical abuse
	2	Sexual abuse
	3	Emotional abuse
	4	Neglect
Supplementary values:	97	Not applicable
	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 1 Physical abuse

Any non-accidental physical act inflicted upon a child by a person having the care of a child.

CODE 2 Sexual abuse

Any act by a person having the care of the child which exposes a child to, or involves a child in, sexual processes beyond his or her understanding or contrary to accepted community standards.

CODE 3 Emotional abuse

Any act by a person having the care of a child that results in the child suffering any kind of significant emotional deprivation or trauma.

CODE 4 Neglect

Any serious omissions or commissions by a person having the care of a child which, within the bounds of cultural tradition, constitute a failure to provide conditions which are essential for the healthy, physical and emotional development of a child.

Comments: These categories may be used in different ways by different jurisdictions, depending on the state or territories' own definitions, policies and practices. In addition, a child subject to abuse and neglect may be subject to more than one type of abuse and neglect (for example, sexual abuse is often also associated with emotional abuse).

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Steward: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: This item refers to the most serious type of actions or inactions, as determined by the investigating officer, which have resulted in, or are likely to result in, significant harm or injury to a child.

Where more than one type of abuse or neglect or harm has occurred, this data element refers to the type most likely to be the most severe in the short term or most likely to place the child at risk in the short term, or if such an assessment is not possible, the most obvious form of abuse or neglect.

Collection methods: Codes 1-4 or 99 'Not stated/ inadequately described' should only be used for records with a code 1 'Substantiated' for Child protection notification—investigation status, code N[N].

Comments: National data do not distinguish between substantiations for actual harm and those for risk of future harm.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Steward: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2013. Child protection national minimum data set, data collection manual 2012-13. Canberra: AIHW.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes Child—abuse and neglect type, code N
Community Services (retired), Standard 01/03/2005

See also 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—other type of abuse or neglect, code N[N]
Children and Families, Standard 11/05/2023

See also Child—other type of abuse or neglect, code N[N]
Children and Families, Superseded 11/05/2023
Community Services (retired), Recorded 19/08/2011

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) DSS Pilot 2010
Community Services (retired), Recorded 19/08/2011
DSS specific information:

This item may have two occurences:

- the primary type of abuse or neglect identifed in the notification to the department responsible for child protection
- The primary type of abuse or neglect substantiated by the investigating officer

Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster
Children and Families, Superseded 22/11/2016
Community Services (retired), Recorded 09/10/2014
Implementation start date: 01/07/2011
Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster
Children and Families, Superseded 22/11/2016
Implementation start date: 01/07/2012
Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster
Children and Families, Superseded 22/11/2016
Implementation start date: 01/07/2013
Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster
Children and Families, Superseded 20/04/2018
Implementation start date: 01/07/2014
Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster
Children and Families, Superseded 20/01/2021
Implementation start date: 01/07/2015
Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster
Children and Families, Superseded 03/11/2021

Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster
Children and Families, Standard 11/05/2023

Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster
Children and Families, Superseded 11/05/2023

Safety in care (SC) file cluster
Children and Families, Superseded 03/11/2021

Safety in care (SC) file cluster
Children and Families, Standard 11/05/2023

Safety in care (SC) file cluster
Children and Families, Superseded 11/05/2023