Child protection notification—substantiated primary type of abuse, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element

Short name: Substantiated primary type of abuse

METEOR identifier: 455526

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

Definition: The most serious type abuse or neglect substantiated by the officer investigating

the child protection notification, as represented by a code.

Data Element Concept: Child protection notification—substantiated primary type of abuse

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

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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: 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.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Performance and Data Working Group

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

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

pilot collection. AlHW: Canberra.

Relational attributes

Related metadata

See also Child protection notification—other type of abuse substantiated,code N

references: Community Services (retired), Recorded 19/08/2011