

# Health service non-utilisation reason cluster

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Set Specification
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	482518
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 28/04/2016</li></ul>
<b>DSS type:</b>	Data Element Cluster
<b>Scope:</b>	The Health service non-utilisation reason cluster defines the reason for non-utilisation of health services in the community and in prison by prison entrants in the last 12 months; and provides a greater understanding of the health seeking behaviours of prison entrants.

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** The Health service non-utilisation reason cluster comprises three data elements that in combination provide information on a prison entrant's health seeking behaviours in the community and prison. The data elements include: [Prison entrant—service provider needed but not utilised indicator, yes/no code N](#); [Prison entrant—reason for non-utilisation of health service, code NN](#) and [Health service event—prisoner location when service provider was needed, but not utilised, prisoner location code N](#).

The Health service non-utilisation reason cluster defines the following information:

<b>Reason for non-utilisation of health service</b>	<b>Location of prisoner: Community</b>	<b>Location of prisoner: Prison</b>
Cost	Y/N	Y/N
Cultural/language/discrimination/gender	Y/N	Y/N
Felt at the time I didn't need/want to/couldn't be bothered	Y/N	Y/N
Transport/distance	Y/N	Y/N
Waiting time too long or not available at time required	Y/N	Y/N
Not available in area	Y/N	Y/N
Too busy (including work, personal, family responsibilities)	Y/N	Y/N
Legal issues (police custody, court, watchouse)	Y/N	Y/N
Affected by alcohol or other drugs (including from prescribed drugs)	Y/N	Y/N
Unable to access at time required (lock down)	Y/N	Y/N
Other	Y/N	Y/N

**Collection methods:** Information on health service non-utilisation reason is provided at the reception assessment on the National Prisoner Health Data Collection Prison Entrants form. Only prison entrants who have been in prison in the last 12 months may provide responses to the 'Prison' category.

Implementation start date: 18/05/2012

## Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Prison entrants NBEDSHealth](#), Standard 28/04/2016

### *Conditional obligation:*

Conditional on the prison entrant not seeing a health professional during the last 12 months, when required.

### *DSS specific information:*

This data element is included in the Prisoner health NBEDS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants by reason for not seeking medical contact in the past 12 months when required.

## Metadata items in this Data Set Specification [Show more detail](#)

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	<a href="#">Prison entrant—service provider needed but not utilised indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Mandatory	1
2	<a href="#">Prison entrant—reason for non-utilisation of health service, code NN</a>	Conditional	11
3	<a href="#">Health service event—prisoner location when service provider was needed, but not utilised, prisoner location code N</a>	Conditional	22