

# Specialised mental health service organisation— use of formal complaints mechanism for consumer participation arrangements indicator

**Metadata item type:** Data Element Concept  
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- [Health](#), Standard 07/03/2014

**Definition:** An indicator of whether a specialised mental health service organisation has a formal internal complaints mechanism in which complaints can be made by consumers and are regularly reviewed by a committee that includes consumers, in order to include the participation of [mental health consumers](#) in the planning, delivery and evaluation of the service.

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Object class:** [Specialised mental health service organisation](#)  
**Definition:** A separately constituted specialised mental health service that is responsible for the clinical governance, administration and financial management of service units providing specialised mental health care.  
**Context:** Specialised mental health services.  
**Specialisation of:** [Organisation](#)

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** A specialised mental health service organisation may consist of one or more service units based in different locations and providing services in admitted patient, residential and ambulatory settings. For example, a specialised mental health service organisation may consist of several hospitals or two or more community centres.

Where the specialised mental health service organisation consists of multiple service units, those units can be considered to be components of the same organisation where they:

- operate under a common clinical governance arrangement;
- aim to work together as interlocking services that provide integrated, coordinated care to consumers across all mental health service settings; and
- share clinical records or, in the case where there is more than one physical clinical record for each patient, staff may access (if required) the information contained in all of the physical records held by the organisation for that patient.

For most states and territories, the Specialised mental health service organisation object class is equivalent to the Area/District Mental Health Service. These are usually organised to provide the full range of admitted patient, residential and ambulatory services to a given catchment population. However, the object class may also be used to refer to health care organisations which provide only one type of mental health service (e.g. acute admitted patient care) or which serve a specialised or state-wide function.

### Source and reference attributes

**Origin:** Department of Health and Ageing 2003. Mental Health National Outcomes and Casemix Collection. Technical specification of State and Territory reporting requirements for the outcomes and casemix components of 'Agreed Data', Version 1.50. Canberra: Department of Health and Ageing

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Use of formal complaints mechanism for consumer participation arrangements indicator](#)

**Definition:** An indicator of whether an organisation has a formal internal complaints mechanism in which complaints can be made by consumers and are regularly reviewed by a committee that includes consumers, in order to include the participation of consumers in the planning, delivery and evaluation of a service.

**Property group:** [Organisational characteristics](#)

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Specialised mental health service organisation—consumer participation arrangements \(formal internal complaints mechanism\)](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 07/03/2014

Has been superseded by [Specialised mental health service organisation—use of formal complaints mechanism for consumer participation arrangements indicator](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 17/08/2018
- [Health](#), Standard 13/11/2014

**Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:** [Specialised mental health service organisation—use of formal complaints mechanism for consumer participation arrangements indicator, code N](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 13/11/2014