

Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory: Audiology services DSS, May 2013-August 2014

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Set Specification

METEOR identifier: 578388

Registration status:

- [Indigenous](#), Standard 18/02/2015

DSS type: Data Set Specification (DSS)

Scope: This DSS covers data collected on services provided under the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory (SFNT) Audiology Services program. The SFNT began in July 2012 and provides funding over a decade to 2021-22. The audiology services component of this agreement replaced, and expanded upon, services implemented under the Child Health Check Initiative (CHCI) and then the Closing the Gap (CtG) in the Northern Territory National Partnership. The SFNT Audiology services program is available to all Indigenous children in the Northern Territory under the age of 16.

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: This audiology services dataset is based on version 8 of the audiology services form which was implemented from May 2013. The form contains clinical data collected as part of routine healthcare provided by professionals who delivered these services. Earlier versions of the audiology form were in place between August 2007 and April 2013. Although the various versions of the audiology forms have most of the same questions, there are also some key differences, such as:

- version 1a does not include a question on the Hospital Registration Number (HRN)
- version 1a and 1b include a question about consent for the provision of data
- the format of, and response options for, question 4 have changed substantially between the earlier and later versions of the form
- versions 7 and 8 do not collect information about a previous audiology check.

The AIHW only receives confidentialised unit record level information on those children for which consent for data provision to AIHW has been obtained.

Implementation start date: 01/05/2013

Comments: Glossary terms that are relevant to this DSS are:

- [Audiology assessment](#)
- [Ear health intervention](#)
- [Hearing impairment](#)
- [Hearing loss](#)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)

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Origin: Northern Territory Department of Health 2011. Audiology service form, Version 8

AIHW 2012. Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory: Hearing Health Services 2012-2013. Cat. No. IHW 117. Canberra: AIHW.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory: Audiology services DSS, April 2012-April 2013](#)

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Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	Service event—date of service, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
2	Audiology assessment client cluster	Mandatory	1
3	Patient—hearing loss indicator, yes/no code N	Mandatory	1
4	Patient—site of hearing loss, code N	Conditional	1
5	Patient—type of hearing loss, code N	Conditional	1
6	Patient—hearing impairment indicator, yes/no code N	Mandatory	1
7	Patient—degree of hearing impairment, code N	Conditional	1
8	Patient—middle ear condition indicator, yes/no code N	Mandatory	1
9	Patient—middle ear condition type, code N.N	Conditional	2
10	Patient—middle ear condition type, text X[X(99)]	Conditional	2
11	Patient—audiology assessment recommended course of action, code N[N]	Mandatory	8
12	Patient—audiology assessment recommended course of action, text X[X(99)]	Conditional	1