

KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 05J – Average cost per acute admitted patient day, 2015

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
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Short name:	MHS PI 05J: Average cost per acute admitted patient day
METEOR identifier:	597092
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 19/11/2015
Description:	<p>Average cost of a patient day provided by state/territory acute admitted patient mental health care service units.</p> <p>Note: This specification has been adapted from the indicator MHS PI 05: Average cost per acute admitted patient day, 2015 (Service level version) using terminology consistent with the National Health Data Dictionary. There are no technical differences in the calculation methodologies between the Service level version and the Jurisdictional level version of this indicator.</p>
Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Efficient functioning of public acute psychiatric inpatient units is critical to ensuring finite funds are used effectively to deliver maximum community benefit.• Unit costs are a core feature of management level indicators in all industries. They are required to measure how well an organisation uses its resources in producing services and are fundamental to value for money judgements.• Acute admitted patient mental health care service units account for around three quarters of the total costs of specialised mental health admitted patient care and around a third of overall specialised mental health service costs.• 'Admitted patient day' is the 'intermediate product' for acute inpatient episodes and can be the focus activity aimed at improvements in technical efficiency.
Indicator set:	Key Performance Indicators for Australian Public Mental Health Services (Jurisdictional level version) (2015) Health , Superseded 11/05/2016

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description:	<p>Coverage/Scope:</p> <p>State/territory acute admitted patient mental health care service units.</p> <p>Methodology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reference period for the 2015 performance reporting: 2012–13• Recurrent costs include costs directly attributable to the acute admitted patient mental health care service unit plus a proportional share of overhead costs (indirect expenditure). Cost data for this indicator are based on gross recurrent expenditure as compiled by State/Territory data providers according to the specifications of the Mental Health Establishments National Minimum Data Set. As such, it is subject to the concepts, definitions and costing methodology developed for the NMDS.• Categorisation of the admitted patient unit is based on the principal purpose(s) of the program rather than the classification of individual consumers.
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Computation: Numerator ÷ Denominator
Numerator: Total recurrent expenditure on state/territory acute admitted patient mental health care service unit(s) during the reference period.

Numerator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set
Data Element Specialised mental health service unit total apportioned expenditure NMDS/DSS (derived from) Mental Health Establishments NMDS

Data Element / Data Set Specialised mental health service—admitted patient care program type, code N NMDS / DSS Mental health establishments NMDS 2013-14

Denominator: Number of patient days provided by state/territory acute admitted patient mental health care service unit(s) during the reference period.

Denominator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set
Establishment—accrued mental health care days, total N[N(7)] NMDS / DSS Mental health establishments NMDS 2013-14

Disaggregation: Service variables: Target population

Consumer attributes: Nil

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set
Specialised mental health service—target population group, code N NMDS / DSS Mental health establishments NMDS 2013-14

Representational attributes

Representation class: Mean (average)
Data type: Monetary amount
Unit of measure: Currency

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions: [Efficient](#)

Accountability attributes

Benchmark: State/territory level

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare on behalf of the National Mental Health Performance Subcommittee

Reference documents: Key Performance Indicators for Australian Public Mental Health Services, Third edition (2014)