Mental health service contact—service duration, total minutes NNN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Mental health service contact duration
METEOR identifier:	620784
Registration status:	Health, Superseded 20/01/2021
Definition:	The total time in minutes from the start to finish of a mental health service contact.
Data Element Concept:	Mental health service contact—mental health service duration
Value Domain:	Total minutes NNN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total
Data type:	Number
Format:	NNN
Maximum character length:	3

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Service contacts where care delivery is reviewed and the patient/client is absent, such as case conferences or multidisciplinary reviews, are regarded as individual sessions. The time spent discussing each client should be recorded separately where possible. Where recording of session duration for each client is not possible, the total time for the discussion should be apportioned evenly between the number of clients discussed. For example, for a discussion of one hour, during which 6 clients where discussed, a 10 minute session duration would be recorded for each client.
	For group sessions the time for the patient/client in the session is recorded for each patient/client, regardless of the number of patients/clients or third parties participating or the number of service providers providing the service.
	Writing up details of service contacts is not to be reported as part of the duration, except if during or contiguous with the period of patient/client or third party participation.
	Travel to or from the location at which the service is provided, for example to or from outreach facilities or private homes, is not to be reported as part of the duration of the service contact.
Comments:	Counting the duration for each patient/client in a group session means that this data element cannot be used to measure the duration of service contacts from the perspective of the service provider.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Mental health service contact—service duration, total minutes NNN](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 02/02/2016

Has been superseded by [Mental health service contact—service duration, total minutes NNN](#)
[Health](#), Standard 20/01/2021
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 06/12/2023

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Community mental health care NMDS 2016-17](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 17/08/2017
Implementation start date: 01/07/2016
Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

[Community mental health care NMDS 2017–18](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018
Implementation start date: 01/07/2017
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[Community mental health care NMDS 2018–19](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018
Implementation start date: 01/07/2018
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