

Prison entrant—mental health service referral indicator, prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Mental health service referral indicator
METEOR identifier:	631724
Registration status:	Health , Standard 28/04/2016
Definition:	An indicator of whether a prison entrant has been referred to prison mental health services for observation and further assessment, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Prison entrant—mental health service referral indicator
Value Domain:	Prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Yes
	2	No
Supplementary values:	9	Unknown

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	For use in Prisoner health data collections. If this value domain is used with other metadata then 'Unknown' would map to code 8.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Data element attributes

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Comments:	<p>At the prison reception assessment, prison entrants may be referred to prison mental health services for observation and further assessment. Prison mental health services provide access to specialist mental health nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists and in-patient services where the prisoners receive counselling and intervention programs.</p> <p>Under the <i>National Action Plan on Mental Health 2006-2011</i> (COAG 2006) jurisdictions are required to provide details on the prevalence of mental illness among people who are newly sentenced to prison and enhance mental health services for people in contact with the justice system.</p>
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: [COAG \(Council of Australian Governments\) 2006. National Action Plan on Mental Health 2006-2011. Canberra: COAG.](#)

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Prison entrant—mental health service referral, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 30/05/2016

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Prison entrants NBEDS](#)
[Health](#), Standard 28/04/2016

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 who, at reception, were referred to mental health services for observation and further assessment.

[Prison entrants NBEDS 2018](#)
[Health](#), Qualified 07/03/2024

DSS specific information:

36. Question for the health professional completing the assessment: As a result of the current reception assessment, has this person been referred to the prison mental health service?

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[Prison entrants NBEDS 2022](#)
[Health](#), Qualified 06/07/2023

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This data element corresponds to the following questions of the Prison Entrants Form:

47. Question for the health professional completing the assessment: As a result of the current reception assessment, has this person been referred to the prison mental health service?