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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Set Specification
METEOR identifier:	643161
Registration status:	Health, Superseded 25/01/2018
DSS type:	Data Element Cluster
Scope:	The scope of the Local Hospital Networks (LHN) data element cluster is all activity, recurrent expenditure and related revenue in the LHN General Ledger, regardless of whether all components are a 'public hospital service' under the *National Health Reform Agreement* (2011). Excluded from the scope are data reported to the Public hospital establishments and the State or territory health authority data element clusters. Local Hospital Networks are defined as those entities recognised as such by the relevant state or territory health authority.

Collection and usage attributes

Statistical unit:	Local Hospital Network. For the purposes of this data element cluster, the term 'establishment' refers to Local Hospital Networks.
Guide for use:	The following are principles of the collection. States and territories should consider these principles when providing data. 1. Data should be reported by states and territories at the level relevant to service management and/or provision. 2. This data element cluster should capture and differentiate between in-scope and out-of-scope of the *National Health Reform Agreement*. 3. This data element cluster must specify where data elements are reporting actual data and where they are reporting estimated data. 4. Where possible, this data element cluster should align so that it acts as a subset of the Government health expenditure NMDS. 5. Reporting on expenditure and activity delivered under contract requires less detail than other expenditure and activity. Actual recurrent expenditure and related revenue data are expected to be reported at the level at which they appear in the general ledger. Expenditure and revenue data are not expected to be apportioned to a lower level. Recurrent expenditure and related revenue data reported to the LHN data element cluster should reconcile with published financial statements. Expenditure data are reported in two ways: • as it would appear in the general ledger line items (Establishment—recurrent non-salary expenditure, public hospital expenditure categories code N[N] and Establishment—staffing categories, health code N[N]) • by National Health Reform Agreement product streams Establishment—total recurrent expenditure, National Health Reform Agreement 2011 product streams code N[N]. These are estimated data. The total recurrent expenditure by product stream should equal the total recurrent expenditure by general ledger line item. For the purposes of the LHN data element cluster, funding from the Commonwealth, state and territory health authorities and other state and territory government departments is considered to be revenue and should be reported as such.

Collection methods:	Some data for this data element cluster are sourced from the state or territory health authority general ledger. Some other data are maintained by the LHN and are forwarded to the relevant state or territory health authority for inclusion.

National reporting arrangements

State and territory health authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation, on an annual basis.

Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated

Financial years ending 30 June each year.

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Comments: *Interaction with the Public hospital establishments and State or territory health authority data element clusters*

The Public hospital establishments (PHE), LHN and State or territory health authority data element clusters work together to collect data on the public hospital system. The three data element clusters collect the same types of recurrent expenditure and related revenue data items, but at different levels of the system:

Hierarchical level	Data collected through
Public hospital establishments	PHE component
Local hospital network	LHN component
State/territory health authority	State/territory component

It is expected that recurrent expenditure and related revenue data will be reported at the level at which they occur.

Scope links with Health NMDSs

The State or territory health authority data element cluster shares scope with the Government health expenditure NMDS.

Source and reference attributes

Steward: [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#)

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Local Hospital Networks NBEDS 2016–17](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 03/11/2016

Has been superseded by [Local Hospital Networks data element cluster](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 17/10/2018

See also [Public hospital establishments data element cluster](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

See also [State or territory health authority data element cluster](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Local Hospital Networks/Public hospital establishments NMDS 2017–18](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018
Implementation start date: 01/07/2017
Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	[Full-time equivalent staffing data element cluster](#)	Mandatory	10

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	[Establishment—full-time equivalent staff, average N[N(7){.N}]](#)	Mandatory	10
-	[Establishment—staffing categories, health code N[N]](#)	Mandatory	10
-	[Recurrent contracted care expenditure data element cluster](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Establishment—recurrent contracted care expenditure, National Health Reform Agreement 2011 product streams code N[N]](#)	Mandatory	11
-	[Establishment—recurrent contracted care expenditure, total Australian currency N[N(13)]](#)	Mandatory	11
-	[Recurrent non-salary expenditure data element cluster](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Establishment—data estimated indicator, yes/no code N](#)	Mandatory	16

DSS specific information:

This data element is used to indicate where financial data have been estimated rather than directly sourced from the general ledger, audited accounts or other financial systems.

The PHE NMDS Working Group strongly supported the inclusion of a data element to indicate where data had been estimated or apportioned, as a way of informing data users of situations where the data do not reflect the actual items in the general ledger.

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	[Establishment—recurrent non-salary expenditure categories, code N[N]](#)	Mandatory	16
-	[Establishment—recurrent non-salary expenditure, total Australian currency N[N(13)]](#)	Mandatory	16
-	[Recurrent salaries and wages expenditure data element cluster](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Establishment—data estimated indicator, yes/no code N](#)	Mandatory	10

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-	[Establishment—recurrent salaries and wages expenditure, total Australian currency N[N(13)]](#)	Mandatory	10
-	[Establishment—staffing categories, health code N[N]](#)	Mandatory	10
-	[Revenue data element cluster](#)	Mandatory	1
-	[Establishment—data estimated indicator, yes/no code N](#)	Mandatory	11

DSS specific information:

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The Public Hospital Establishments National Minimum Data Set Working Group strongly supported the inclusion of a data element to indicate where data had been estimated or apportioned, as a way of informing data users of situations where the data do not reflect the actual items in the general ledger.

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	[Establishment—public hospital recurrent expenditure related revenue, revenue streams code N[N]](#)	Mandatory	11

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Establishment—public hospital recurrent expenditure related revenue, total Australian currency N[N(13)]	Mandatory	11
-	Total recurrent expenditure on National Health Reform Agreement product streams data element cluster	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—recurrent contracted care expenditure, National Health Reform Agreement 2011 product streams code N[N]	Mandatory	11
-	Establishment—total recurrent expenditure, total Australian currency N[N(13)]	Mandatory	11

DSS specific information:

Expenditure reported against this is estimated by jurisdictions. The costing methodology used in preparation of data for the National Hospital Costing Data Collection should also be applied in the generation for data for this item.

-	Available bed—admitted contracted care, average number of beds N[N(7).N]	Mandatory	1

DSS specific information:

This data element is used in conjunction with Establishment—data estimate indicator, yes/no code N.

-	Establishment—Australian state/territory identifier, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—Local Hospital Network identifier, code NNN	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—organisation identifier (state/territory), NNNNN	Mandatory	1