Child protection notification—source of notification, code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Source of notification
Synonymous names:	Source of child protection notification
METEOR identifier:	655834
Registration status:	Children and Families, Standard 22/11/2016
Definition:	The person who, or organisation that, made the initial child protection notification to the relevant authority, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Child protection notification—source of notification
Value Domain:	Child protection notification source code N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	**Meaning**
Permissible values:	1	Subject child
	2	Parent/guardian
	3	Sibling/Other relative
	4	Friend/neighbour
	5	Medical practitioner
	6	Other health personnel
	7	Hospital/health centre
	8	Social worker
	9	School personnel
	10	Child care personnel
	11	Police
	12	Departmental officer
	13	Non-government organisation
	14	Anonymous
	88	Other
Supplementary values:	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 1 Subject child
	Any person who notifies the department regarding a concern about themselves.

CODE 2 Parent/guardian

A natural or substitute parent, spouse of a natural parent, adoptive parent or spouse of an adoptive parent or any other person who has an ongoing legal responsibility for the care and protection of a child.

CODE 3 Sibling/Other relative

Sibling includes a natural (i.e. biological), adopted, foster, step-brother or half-brother or sister.

Other relative includes a grandparent, aunt, uncle or cousin. The relationship can be full, half or step, or through adoption, and can be traced through, or to, a person whose parents were not married to each other at the time of his or her birth. This category also includes members of Indigenous communities who are accepted by that community as being related to the child.

CODE 4 Friend/neighbour

An unrelated person or acquaintance who is known to, or lives in close proximity to, the subject child or their family, or to the person believed responsible for the abuse or neglect.

CODE 5 Medical practitioner

This category includes only registered medical practitioners. This includes both general practitioners and specialists in hospitals or in the community.

CODE 6 Other health personnel

Any person engaged in supplementary, paramedical and/or ancillary medical services (for example, nurses, infant welfare sisters, dentists, radiographers, physiotherapists and pharmacists). It does not include social workers and non-medical hospital/health centre personnel.

CODE 7 Hospital/health centre

Any person not elsewhere classified who is employed at a public or private hospital or other health centre or clinic.

CODE 8 Social worker

Any person engaged in providing a social or welfare work service in the community.

CODE 9 School personnel

Any appropriately trained person involved in the instruction of, or imparting of knowledge to, children or providing direct support for this education. This includes teachers, teachers' aides, school principals and counsellors who work in preschool, kindergarten, primary, secondary, technical, sporting or art and crafts education.

CODE 10 Child care personnel

Any person engaged in providing occasional, part-time or full-time day care for children.

CODE 11 Police

Any member of a Commonwealth, state or territory law enforcement agency.

CODE 12 Departmental officer

Any person, not classified above, who is employed by a state or territory community services department.

CODE 13 Non-government organisation

Any non-government organisation not classified above that provides services to the community on a non-profit-making basis.

CODE 14 Anonymous

This category covers all those notifications received from a person who does not

give his or her name.

CODE 88 Other

All other persons or organisations not classified above (e.g. ministers of religion or government agencies and instrumentalities not classified above).

CODE 99 Not stated/inadequately described

This category includes all reports that are received from an unknown source.

Collection methods:	The categories for 'Hospital/health centre', 'Departmental officer', 'Non-government organisation' and 'Other' should only be used for people that could not be elsewhere classified. For example, a medical practitioner employed at a public or private hospital should be recorded as a 'Medical practitioner' not as 'Hospital/health centre'.

Source and reference attributes

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

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	This item refers to the personal or professional capacity of the person who is making the notification. For example, if a person contacts the department as a concerned neighbour and in the conversation it becomes apparent that this person is a police officer, this person is still recorded as a neighbour, as they did not call in their capacity as a police officer.

The source of notification is classified according to the relationship to the child allegedly abused or neglected or harmed. |
| **Collection methods:** | This item should be recorded at the time of the notification to the Department responsible for child protection. If a notification is made more than once about the same event, then only the first notification is recorded. Therefore, only the first person to notify about the event should be recorded. |

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Steward:	[Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#)
Origin:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2013. Child protection national minimum data set, data collection manual 2012-13. AIHW: Canberra.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes [Child protection notification—relationship to child of source of notification, code N[N]](#) [Community Services (retired)](#), Standard 30/04/2008

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster](#)
[Children and Families,](#) Superseded 22/11/2016
[Community Services (retired),](#) Recorded 09/10/2014
Implementation start date: 01/07/2011
Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

[Notifications, investigations, and substantiations (NIS) file cluster](#)
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Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

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Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

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