Specialised mental health service—target population group, code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Specialised mental health service target population |
| METEOR identifier: | 682403 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 25/01/2018 |
| Definition: | The population group primarily targeted by a specialised mental health service, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Specialised mental health service—target population group](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/682392)  |
| Value Domain: | [Specialised mental health service target population group code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/493012) |

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| Value domain attributes |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | N |
| Maximum character length: | 1 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Child and adolescent |
|   | 2 | Older person |
|   | 3 | Forensic |
|   | 4 | General |
|   | 5 | Youth |
| Supplementary values: | 7 | Not applicable |
|   | 9  | Not stated/inadequately described  |

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Data element attributes  |
| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | This data element is used to disaggregate data on beds, activity, expenditure and staffing for patients in mental health service units (see the [Specialised mental health service organisation—service delivery setting, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/493347) data element).CODE 1     Child and adolescentThese services principally target children and young people under the age of 18 years. The classification of a service into this category requires recognition by the regional or central funding authority of the special focus of the service. These services may include a forensic component.CODE 2     Older personThese services principally target people in the age group of 65 years and over. The classification of a service into this category requires recognition by the regional or central funding authority of the special focus of the service. These services may include a forensic component.CODE 3     ForensicHealth services that provide services primarily for people whose health condition has led them to commit, or be suspected of, a criminal offence or make it likely that they will reoffend without adequate treatment or containment. This includes prison-based services but excludes services that are primarily for children and adolescents and for older people even where they include a forensic component.CODE 4     GeneralThese services principally target the general adult population (aged 18–64 years) but may also provide services to children, adolescents or older people. These services are those services that cannot be described as specialist child and adolescent services, youth services or services for older people. It excludes forensic services.CODE 5     YouthThese services principally target children and young people generally aged 16-24 years. The classification of a service into this category requires recognition by the regional or central funding authority of the special focus of the service. These services may include a forensic component.The order of priority for coding is:* where the forensic services are for children/adolescents, youth or older persons these services should be coded to the category for that age group; and
* where the forensic services are for adults these services should be coded to forensic.

CODE 7     Not applicableThe code is only for use to identify those components of specialised mental health service organisations not directly involved in the delivery of patient care services in the admitted patient, residential or ambulatory mental health care services, nor in the operations of those services. |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Specialised mental health service—target population group, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/493010)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/01/2018       [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 16/03/2016See also [Specialised mental health service organisation—service delivery setting, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/493347)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 07/02/2013See also [Specialised mental health service—admitted patient service unit identifier, XXXXXX](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/404390)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 16/01/2020       [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Qualified 23/11/2015See also [Specialised mental health service—admitted patient 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| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2018-19](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/676150)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2018***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2019***Conditional obligation:*** The data element is only required to be reported for patients admitted to an ambulatory mental health episode of care.[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2019-20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/699151)       [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 17/01/2020***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2019***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2020***Conditional obligation:*** The data element is only required to be reported for patients admitted to an ambulatory mental health episode of care.[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 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