Person—formally diagnosed mental health condition indicator, yes/no/don't know/can't remember code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Formally diagnosed mental health condition indicator
Synonymous names:	Mental health indicator
METEOR identifier:	690509
Registration status:	Homelessness, Standard 10/08/2018
Definition:	An indicator of whether a person has been diagnosed with a mental health condition by a doctor, nurse or other relevant health professional, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—formally diagnosed mental health condition indicator
Value Domain:	Yes/no/don't know/can't remember code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
	Value	**Meaning**
Permissible values:	1	Yes
	2	No
	3	Don't know/can't remember
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Health professionals who may diagnose a mental health condition include:

- Psychologists
- Psychiatrists
- General practitioners
- Mental health registered nurses.

Collection methods:	The permissible values for this data element are used to form the response categories to the question: 'Have you ever been diagnosed as having a mental health condition by a health professional? e.g. psychologist, psychiatrist, doctor, nurse.'

Relational attributes

| **Related metadata references:** | Supersedes [Person—formally diagnosed mental health condition indicator, code N](link) [Homelessness](link), Superseded 10/08/2018 |
| | [Housing assistance](link), Standard 23/08/2010 |

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2019-](link)[Homelessness](link), Standard 10/08/2018

Conditional obligation:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is conditional on the client providing consent to release their personal data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. The data element [Client—consent indicator, yes/no code N](link), must receive a response of Yes (Code 1).

DSS specific information:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation.

Evidence suggests that the longer persons with mental health problems are supported by specialist homelessness services, the more likely they are to move into public, or community housing or rental housing rather than return to rough sleeping. Access to a range of longer-term supports and community-based services will increase the early intervention and recovery support options for people who are homeless with a mental illness and substance abuse disorders.