

# Person—source of information on a mental health issue, code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Source of information indicating mental health issue
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	690959
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Homelessness</a>, Standard 10/08/2018</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The source of information available that indicates a person may have a mental health issue, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—source of information on a mental health issue</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1
<b>Permissible values:</b>	

<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
1	Agency worker
2	Health professional
3	Non-government agency
4	Family, friends, carers
5	Self-identified
6	Other

<b>Supplementary values:</b>					
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## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

CODE 1 Agency worker

The person appears to the agency worker to have an undiagnosed mental health condition.

CODE 2 Health professional

The person has been diagnosed with a mental health condition by a doctor, nurse or other health professional.

CODE 3 Non-government agency

A non-government agency offering disability support programs, or a local community support program, whose target population includes those with a mental illness.

CODE 4 Family, friends, carers

Family, carers, or friends who know the applicant well, and are concerned that the person may have an undiagnosed mental illness.

CODE 5 Self-identified

The person reports that they have a mental illness but does not have contact with specialised mental health service or other relevant service providers at this point in time.

CODE 6 Other

There is information to indicate the person has a mental health condition but the source of information is not included in the list above.

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Collection methods:**

The permissible values for this data element are used to form the response categories to the question:

"Is there additional information about the client, either formal or informal, that indicates a mental health condition?"

**Comments:**

This data element is based on the PHaMs (Personal Helpers and Mentors Program) screening tool; it is a useful flag for mental health issues where more accurate evidence is not available.

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Person—source of information on a mental health condition, code N](#)

- [Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018
- [Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010

See also [Person—source of information on a mental health issue, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)

- [Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2019-Homelessness](#), 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](#) must receive a response of Yes (Code 1).

It is also conditional on a response of Yes (Code 1) to [Person—source of information on a mental health condition, Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#).

***DSS specific information:***

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected at the date of presentation. This data element is collected from the perspective of the agency worker. The agency worker may answer this question based on their personal observations, or from information volunteered by the client. If the client does not agree to answer the questions which require consent, the agency worker will be unable to report this information.