

Health service non-utilisation reason cluster

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Metadata item type: | Data Set Specification |
| METEOR identifier: | 697267 |
| Registration status: | Health , Standard 29/05/2024 |
| DSS type: | Data Element Cluster |
| Scope: | The Health service non-utilisation reason cluster defines the reason for non-utilisation of health services in the community by prison entrants in the last 12 months; and provides a greater understanding of the health seeking behaviours of prison entrants. |

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: The Health service non-utilisation reason cluster comprises two data elements that in combination provide information on a prison entrant's health seeking behaviours in the community. The data elements are: [Prison entrant—service provider needed but not utilised indicator, yes/no code N](#) and [Prison entrant—reason for non-utilisation of health service, code NN](#).

The Health service non-utilisation reason cluster defines the following information:

| Reason for non-utilisation of health service | Location of prisoner: Community |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Cost | Y/N |
| Cultural/language problems/discrimination/gender | Y/N |
| Felt at the time I didn't need/want to/couldn't be bothered | Y/N |
| Transport/distance | Y/N |
| Waiting time too long or not available at time required | Y/N |
| Not available in area | Y/N |
| Too busy (including work, personal, family responsibilities) | Y/N |
| Legal issues (police custody, court, watchhouse) | Y/N |
| Affected by alcohol or other drugs (including from prescribed drugs) | Y/N |
| Unable to access at time required (lock down) | Y/N |
| Other | Y/N |

Collection methods: Information on health service non-utilisation reason is provided at the reception assessment on the National Prisoner Health Data Collection Prison Entrants form.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Health service non-utilisation reason cluster](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 29/05/2024

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Prison entrants NBEDS 2018](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 29/05/2024

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the prison entrant not seeing a health professional during the last 12 months, when required.

DSS specific information:

This data element cluster corresponds to the following question of the Prison Entrants Form:

23c. If you needed to see a health professional in the community but didn't, what was the reason?

Multiple boxes may be ticked.

This data element is included in the Prisoner health NBEDS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants by reason for not seeking medical contact in the past 12 months when required.

[Prison entrants NBEDS 2022](#)

[Health](#), Standard 29/05/2024

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the prison entrant not seeing a health professional during the last 12 months, when required.

DSS specific information:

This data element cluster corresponds to the following question of the Prison Entrants Form:

30c. If you needed to see a health professional in the community but didn't, what was the reason?

Multiple boxes may be ticked

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

| Seq No. | Metadata item | Obligation | Max occurs |
|---------|--|-------------|------------|
| 1 | Prison entrant—service provider needed but not utilised indicator, yes/no code N | Mandatory | 1 |
| 2 | Prison entrant—reason for non-utilisation of health service, code NN | Conditional | 11 |

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on a 'yes' response to [Prison entrant—service provider needed but not utilised indicator, yes/no code N](#).