

# Episode of care—number of psychiatric care days

**Metadata item type:** Data Element Concept

**METEOR identifier:** 722680

**Registration status:**

- [Health](#), Standard 18/12/2019
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 19/06/2020

**Definition:** The sum of the number of days or part days of stay that the person received care as an admitted patient or **resident** within a designated psychiatric unit, minus the sum of leave days occurring during the stay within the designated unit.

**Context:** Admitted patient and residential mental health care:

This metadata item is required to identify the characteristics of patients treated in specialist psychiatric units located within acute care hospitals or 24-hour staffed community-based residential services and to analyse the activities of these units and services.

Community mental health care:

This metadata item is required to identify the characteristics of patients treated in specialist psychiatric 24-hour staffed community-based residential services and to analyse the activities of these units. The metadata item is necessary to describe and evaluate the progress of mainstreaming of mental health services.

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Object class:** [Episode of care](#)

**Definition:** A period of health care with a defined start and end.

**Specialisation of:** [Service episode](#)

### Source and reference attributes

**Origin:** National Health Data Committee

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Number of psychiatric care days](#)

**Definition:** A count of days of in which specialised psychiatric care was received.

**Property group:** [Performance indicators](#)

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Episode of care—number of psychiatric care days](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 09/08/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 18/12/2019
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 19/06/2020

**Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:**

[Episode of care—number of psychiatric care days, total N\[NNNN\]](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 18/12/2019
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 19/06/2020