

# Local Hospital Networks/Public hospital establishments NMDS 2022–23

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Data Set Specification

**METEOR identifier:** 742044

**Registration status:**

- [Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

**DSS type:** National Minimum Data Set (NMDS)

**Scope:** The scope of the Local Hospital Networks/Public hospital establishments national minimum data set (LHN/PHE NMDS) includes three levels of hierarchical reporting:

- The Public hospital establishments (PHE) component includes establishment-level data for public acute and psychiatric hospitals, and alcohol and drug treatment centres. Hospitals specialising in dental, ophthalmic aids and other specialised acute medical or surgical care are also included in PHE. Hospitals operated by the Australian Defence Force, correctional authorities and Australia's external territories are not included.
- The [Local Hospital Networks \(LHN\)](#) excludes data for hospital establishments which are already reported through the Public hospital establishments component. Local Hospital Networks are defined as those entities recognised as such by the relevant state or territory health authority.
- At the jurisdictional level, all public hospital services that are managed by a state or territory health authority and are included in the *General List of In-scope Public Hospital Services* (IHPA 2019), which has been developed under the National Health Reform Agreement (2011) (NHRA) (COAG 2011) and excluding data which are already reported in the PHE or LHN levels.

## Collection and usage attributes

**Statistical unit:** PHE, [LHN](#) or health authority (depending on reporting level)

**Guide for use:**

The following are principles of the collection. States and territories should consider these principles when providing data.

1. Data should be reported by states and territories at the level relevant to service management and/or provision.
2. The LHN/PHE NMDS should capture and differentiate between in-scope and out-of-scope of the NHRA.
3. The LHN/PHE NMDS must specify where financial data elements are reporting actual data and where they are reporting estimated data.
4. Where possible, the LHN/PHE NMDS should align with the Government health expenditure NMDS (GHE NMDS), so it is able to function as a subset of the GHE NMDS if required.
5. Reporting on expenditure relating to contracted care requires less detail than other expenditure and activity.
6. Where possible, the changes to the PHE component of the NMDS should maintain the ability to report time series data from previous years.

Similar data for private hospitals and free-standing day hospital facilities for PHE was collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in the Private Health Establishments Collection, up to and including 2016-17, at which point collection of this data ceased.

Recurrent expenditure and related revenue data reported to the LHN/PHE NMDS should reconcile with published financial statements.

Actual recurrent expenditure and related revenue data are expected to be reported at the level at which they appear in the general ledger, regardless of whether all components are a 'public hospital service' under the NHRA. Expenditure and revenue data are not expected to be apportioned to a lower level.

Expenditure data are reported in two ways:

- as it would appear in the general ledger line items ([Establishment—recurrent non-salary expenditure, public hospital expenditure categories code N\[N\]](#) and [Establishment—staffing categories, health code N\[N\]](#))
- by NHRA product streams [Establishment—total recurrent expenditure, National Health Reform Agreement 2011 product streams code N\[N\]](#). These are estimated data.

The total recurrent expenditure by product stream should equal the total recurrent expenditure by general ledger line item.

For the purposes of the LHN/PHE NMDS, funding from the Australian Government, state and territory health authorities and other state and territory government departments is considered to be revenue and should be reported as such.

**Collection methods:**

Some data for this NMDS are sourced from the state or territory health authority general ledger. Some other data are maintained at the LHN or hospital and are forwarded to the relevant state or territory health authority for inclusion.

*National reporting arrangements*

State and territory health authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare for national collation, on an annual basis.

*Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated*

Financial years ending 30 June each year.

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2022

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2023

**Comments:***Relationship between the three components*

The three levels of the hierarchy work together to collect the same types of recurrent expenditure and related revenue data items, but at different levels of the system. The reporting levels are mutually exclusive, so there should be no overlap in the reporting or expenditure and revenue data across the levels.

<i>Hierarchical level</i>	<i>Data collected through</i>
Public hospital establishments	PHE component
Local Hospital Network	LHN component
State or territory health authority	State or territory component

It is expected that recurrent expenditure and related revenue data will be reported at the level at which they occur.

For services 'managed by a state or territory health authority', only those services considered to be 'public hospital services' under the NHRA are in scope. For the public hospitals and LHNs, all activity, expenditure and related revenue in the General Ledger for that organisation would be in scope of this NMDS, regardless of whether all components are a 'public hospital service' under the NHRA.

For information on public hospital services in-scope or out-of-scope, refer to the National Efficient Price Determination (IHPA 2021a) and the National Efficient Cost Determination (IHPA 2021b).

In addition to the shared expenditure and revenue data items, the PHE component includes items such as establishment location, establishment type and specialised service indicators that do not appear in the other components.

*Scope links with other NMDSs*

The LHN/PHE NMDS shares scope with other hospital NMDSs and NBEDSs as well as other establishment and expenditure collections:

- Admitted patient care NMDS
- Alcohol and other drug treatment services NMDS
- Government health expenditure NMDS
- Mental health establishments NMDS
- Non-admitted patient care hospital aggregate NBEDS
- Non-admitted patient emergency department care NMDS.

*Glossary items*

Glossary terms that are relevant to this data set specification are included here:

[Activity based funding](#)

[Average for the counting period](#)

[Dialysis](#)

[Geographic indicator](#)

[Hospital-in-the-home care](#)

[Local Hospital Network](#)

[Neonate](#)

[Renal failure](#)

[Salaried medical officer](#)

[Specialist salaried medical officer](#)

**Source and reference attributes**

**Submitting organisation:** Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

**Steward:** [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#)

**Reference documents:** IHPA (Independent Hospital Pricing Authority) 2021a. National Efficient Price Determination. IHPA, Sydney. Viewed 18 October 2021, <https://www.iHPA.gov.au/what-we-do/national-efficient-price-determination>

IHPA 2021b. National Efficient Cost Determination. IHPA, Sydney. Viewed 18 October 2021, <https://www.iHPA.gov.au/what-we-do/national-efficient-cost-determination>

IHPA 2019. Annual review of the General List of In-scope Public Hospital Services. IHPA, Sydney. Viewed 10 November 2020, <https://www.iHPA.gov.au/publications/annual-review-general-list-scope-public-hospital-services>

COAG (Council of Australian Governments) 2011. National Health Reform Agreement 2011. Canberra, COAG. Viewed 10 November 2020, [http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/npa/health/\\_archive/national-agreement.pdf](http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/npa/health/_archive/national-agreement.pdf)

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Local Hospital Networks/Public hospital establishments NMDS 2021–22](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

Has been superseded by [Local Hospital Networks/Public hospital establishments NMDS 2023–24](#)

- [Health](#), Recorded 24/06/2024

## Metadata items in this Data Set Specification [Show more detail](#)

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	<a href="#">Address details cluster</a>	Conditional	1
-	<a href="#">Full-time equivalent staffing data element cluster</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Recurrent contracted care expenditure data element cluster</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Recurrent non-salary expenditure data element cluster</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Recurrent salaries and wages expenditure data element cluster</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Revenue data element cluster</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Total recurrent expenditure on National Health Reform Agreement product streams data element cluster</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Address—statistical area, level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS Edition 3) N(9)</a>	Conditional	1
-	<a href="#">Available bed—admitted contracted care, average number of beds N[N(7).N]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Available bed—overnight-stay admitted care, average number of beds N[N(7).N]</a>	Conditional	1
-	<a href="#">Available bed—same-day admitted care, average number of beds N[N(7).N]</a>	Conditional	1
-	<a href="#">Establishment—acquired immune deficiency syndrome unit indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
-	<a href="#">Establishment—acute renal dialysis unit indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
-	<a href="#">Establishment—acute spinal cord injury unit indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
-	<a href="#">Establishment—alcohol and drug unit indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1

- <a href="#">Establishment—Australian state/territory identifier, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—bone marrow transplantation unit indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—burns unit level III indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—cardiac surgery unit indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—clinical genetics unit indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—clinical pharmacology and/or toxicology service indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—comprehensive epilepsy centre indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—coronary care unit indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—diabetes unit indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—domiciliary care service indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—establishment type, sector and services provided code AN.N{.N}</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—geriatric assessment unit indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—heart lung transplantation unit indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—hospice care unit indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—Independent Hospital Pricing Authority funding designation, code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—infected diseases unit indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—intensive care unit level III indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—in-vitro fertilisation unit indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—liver transplantation unit indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—Local Hospital Network identifier, code NNN</a>	Mandatory	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—maintenance renal dialysis centre indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—major plastic/reconstructive surgery unit indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—neonatal intensive care unit level III indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—neurosurgical unit indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—nursing home care unit indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—obstetric/maternity unit indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—oncology unit indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—organisation identifier (state/territory), NNNNN</a>	Mandatory	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—pancreas transplantation unit indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—psychiatric unit/ward indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—rehabilitation unit indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—renal transplantation unit indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—sector, code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—sleep centre indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—specialist paediatric unit indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
- <a href="#">Establishment—teaching hospital affiliation with university indicator, teaching status code N</a>	Conditional	1