

KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 03J – National Mental Health Service Standards compliance, 2024

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
Short name:	MHS PI 03J: National Mental Health Service Standards compliance, 2024
METEOR identifier:	783641
Registration status:	Health , Recorded 07/03/2024
Description:	<p>The percentage of the state/territory public specialised mental health service (weighted by expenditure) that have been reviewed against the National Standards for Mental Health Services. This indicator grades services into four categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Level 1: Services have been reviewed by an external accreditation agency and judged to have met all National Standards• Level 2: Services have been reviewed by an external accreditation agency and judged to have met some but not all National Standards• Level 3: Services are: (i) in the process of being reviewed by an external accreditation agency but the outcomes are not known; or (ii) booked for review by an external accreditation agency• Level 4: Mental health services that do not meet criteria detailed under Levels 1 to 3: (i) Services engaged in self-assessment in relation to the National Standards but did not have a contractual arrangement with an external accreditation agency for review; (ii) Services had not commenced the preparations for review by an external accreditation agency but this was intended to be undertaken in the future; and (iii) It had not been resolved whether the service unit would undertake review by an external accreditation agency under the National Standards. <p>NOTE: This specification has been adapted from the indicator National Mental Health Service Standards compliance, 2021– (Service level) using terminology consistent with the National Health Data Dictionary. There are no technical differences in the calculation methodologies between the Service level version and the Jurisdictional level version of this indicator.</p>
Rationale:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The National Standards for Mental Health Services provide an agreed national framework for service quality and consistency. All Australian mental health services are required to be accredited against the National Standards.• Implementation of the National Standards for Mental Health Services has been agreed by all jurisdictions.
Indicator set:	Key Performance Indicators for Australian Public Mental Health Services (Jurisdictional level version) (2024) Health , Recorded 07/03/2024

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description: Coverage/Scope:

State/territory specialised public mental health services, in-scope for reporting defined by the Mental health establishments National minimum data set (NMDS), with the following exceptions:

- aged care residential services subject to Australian Government residential aged care reporting and service standards requirements
- private hospital service units in receipt of government funding where the National Standards for Mental Health Services do not apply
- non-government operated residential mental health care services.

Methodology:

- Reference period for 2024 performance reporting: 2022–23.
- Recurrent costs include costs directly attributable to specialised mental health services plus a proportional share of overhead costs (indirect expenditure). Cost data for this indicator are based on gross recurrent expenditure as compiled by state/territory data providers according to the specifications of the Mental health establishments NMDS. As such, it is subject to the concepts, definitions and costing methodology developed for the NMDS.
- Expenditure on service units reaching each of the four levels are to be summed when calculating each numerator.

Computation: (Numerator ÷ Denominator) x 100

Calculated separately for each level.

Numerator: Total expenditure on specialised public mental health services that meet the definition of level X, where X is the level at which the indicator is being measured (either Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 or Level 4) within the reference period.

Numerator data elements:	<div> Data Element / Data Set </div> <div> Data Element </div> <div> Specialised mental health service unit total apportioned expenditure </div> <div> NMDS/DSS </div> <div> (derived from) Mental health establishments NMDS 2022–23 </div>
	<div> Data Element / Data Set </div> <div> Specialised mental health service unit—implementation of National Standards for Mental Health Services status, code N </div> <div> NMDS / DSS </div> <div> Mental health establishments NMDS 2022–23 </div> <div> Guide for use </div> <div> Mapping of levels to Mental health establishments (MHE) NMDS codes as follows: </div> <div> Level 1: MHE code 1; </div> <div> Level 2: MHE code 2; </div> <div> Level 3: MHE codes 3–4; </div> <div> Level 4: MHE codes 5–7. </div> <div> Expenditure for services that meet MHE Code 8 should be excluded from the calculation of this indicator (both numerator and denominator). </div>

Denominator: Total expenditure on specialised public mental health services within the reference period.

Denominator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Specialised mental health service unit total apportioned expenditure

NMDS/DSS

(derived from) [Mental health establishments NMDS 2022–23](#)

Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage
Data type: Monetary amount
Unit of measure: Currency
Format: N[NN].N

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions: [Effectiveness](#)

Accountability attributes

Reporting requirements: National Health Reform Agreement
Organisation responsible for providing data: State/territory health departments
Accountability: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Benchmark: State/territory level
Further data development / collection required: This indicator can be accurately constructed using the Mental health establishments NMDS. This is based on the method used to track services developed for the previous National Standards for Mental Health Services (1996). This method will be used until a new approach is developed and implemented in national data collections.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Reference documents: Australian Government Department of Health (2010). National standards for mental health services. Canberra: Commonwealth of Australia.
NMHPSC (National Mental Health Performance Subcommittee) (2013). Key Performance Indicators for Australian Public Mental Health Services, 3rd edn. Canberra: NMHPSC.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI03J – National Mental Health Service Standards compliance, 2023](#)
[Health](#), Standard 06/09/2023