

Appendix D

Survey of Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services 1999

Attached is a copy of the survey and the explanatory notes that accompanied the survey form.

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The confidentiality of data reported to this survey of Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services is protected under the provisions of the *Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Act 1987*.

1. State or Territory

2. Name of health region/district (if applicable)

3. Agency details

Agency name

Street address

State	P'code
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4. Types of alcohol and other drug treatment services

Please indicate the types of alcohol and other drug treatment services provided by your agency by ticking the appropriate box(es) in the table below. Refer to definitions in the explanatory notes.

4.1 Admitted patient

4.2 Residential centre-based care

4.3 Non-residential centre-based

4.4 General community

4.5 Does your agency provide any alcohol and other drug treatment services to people living in rural areas?

No, services are provided in metropolitan areas only

Yes, services are provided in rural areas and metropolitan areas

Yes, services are provided in rural areas only

4.6 Does your agency provide services to people living in remote locations?

Yes

No

Unable
to
specify

5. Reporting alcohol and other drug treatment service activity and client data

5.1 Are you currently required under your funding service agreement to supply data related to treatment services (excluding methadone) to your State or Territory health department?

Yes No

5.2 If YES, please indicate how often you report.

Quarterly Six monthly Yearly

5.3 Does your agency routinely collect information on clients accessing any of the types of treatment services provided by your agency?

Yes No

5.4 If YES, does your agency routinely collect the data items listed below for each client?

Please tick where applicable. Refer to the explanatory notes.

<p>Person identifier <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Socio-demographic items</p> <p>Sex <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Date of birth <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Country of birth <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Indigenous status <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Preferred language <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Client status <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Clinical items</p> <p>Principal drug of concern <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other drugs of concern <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Method of use for principal drug of concern <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Injecting drug use <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Service and administrative items</p> <p>Source of referral <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Service type <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Service contact date <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other service provided <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Admission date/Date of registration <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Reason for cessation of treatment <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Date of cessation of treatment <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>None of these collected <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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5.5 Are there any other data items that your agency routinely collects for all clients?

Yes No

IF YES, please list below.

5.6 Are the data in the list above (at 5.4) which this agency collects, recorded as

Paper records (cards, files)

and/or

Electronic records (computerised system)

If available, please attach blank registration and/or assessment forms used by your agency.

Explanatory notes for survey of Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services 1999

Item 4—Types of alcohol and other drug treatment services

The types (excluding 'Admitted patient') are based on the 'National classification of community services delivery settings' in the *National Classifications of Community Services (AIHW 1997)*.

The Organisational Units Working Group (OUWG) of the NHDC has been established to review and revise the establishment type data item in the *National Health Data Dictionary* so that all establishments in the health sector are clearly defined. The definitions provided below for each setting type are based on the draft working definitions for alcohol and other drug treatment services currently being used by the OUWG.

Admitted patient

Acute care hospitals are units that provide at least minimal medical, services for admitted-patient treatment and/or care, and which provide round-the-clock comprehensive qualified nursing service as well as other necessary professional services. They must be licensed by the State health department, or controlled by government departments. Most of the patients have acute conditions or temporary ailments and the average stay per admission is relatively short. This would include specialist detoxification/rehabilitation units/services that are a part of the hospital and require the patient to have a medical record number for admittance.

Residential centre-based care

An alcohol and other drug residential treatment centre is a unit mainly engaged in the treatment, rehabilitation or harm reduction of alcohol or other drug dependence on a residential basis. These centres may include therapeutic communities, specialist detoxification and rehabilitation services.

Non-residential centre-based

A community alcohol and other drug treatment service is a unit mainly engaged in the provision of acute or rehabilitative ambulatory or home care services for patients with alcohol or other drug dependencies, and in harm reduction. These units may provide services through community clinics, mobile and outreach services, and community residential units staffed for less than 24 hours per day.

General community

Community health centres are non-residential centre-based units that are mainly engaged in providing a range of ambulatory health services, including public health services. They are not specialised alcohol and other drug treatment services, but may provide an alcohol and drug service as a component of the overall health centre program.

Item 5.3—Data items

A number of the data items would be collected only on registration, i.e. sex, date of birth, country of birth, Indigenous status, preferred language, injecting drug use, source of referral and admission date and date of registration. A number of the data items would be collected only on termination, i.e. reason for termination of treatment and date of termination. Other data items would be collected for each contact, i.e. principal drug of concern, other drugs of concern, method of use for principal drug of concern, service type, service contact date and other service provided.

Person identifier: The identifier that is unique to one patient within establishment or agency.

Sex: The sex of the person.

Date of birth: The date of birth of the person.

Country of birth: The country in which the person was born.

Indigenous status: Indigenous status of the person according to the following definition: An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and is accepted as such by the community in which he or she lives.

Preferred language: The language (including sign language) most preferred by the person for communication. This may be a language other than English even where the person can speak fluent English.

Client status: The status of the person in relation to the drug use issue for which they are presenting, in terms of whether it concerns their own drug use or the drug use of another person.

Principal drug of concern: The drug that has caused the client to seek treatment, as stated by the client, or the drug indicated on their referral from another service.

Other drugs of concern: Any drugs apart from the 'Principal drug of concern' which the client or members of staff perceive as being a health concern for the client over the past 3 months.

Method of use for principal drug of concern: The client's usual method of administering their 'Principal drug of concern' during the last 3 months, as stated by the client.

Injecting drug use: The client's use of injection as a method of administering drugs.

Source of referral: The source from which the person was transferred or referred for the episode of admitted patient care or service contact in non-admitted health care.

Service type: The type of treatment provided to the client, e.g. intoxication management, withdrawal management, counselling, residential rehabilitation, drug substitution therapy (refer also to 'Service contact' definition below).

Service contact date: The date of each service contact between a health service provider and patient/client (refer also to 'Service contact' definition below).

Other services provided: Any other type of services provided in addition to 'Service type' (applies to 'Residential centre-based care' only).

Admission date/Date of entry: Date of admission into an admitted patient setting or residential centre-based care setting.

Reason for termination of treatment: The reason for the termination of treatment.

Date of termination: The date on which treatment is terminated (this would be equivalent to separation date for clients in admitted patient or residential centre-based care setting).

Service contact: A contact between a patient/client and an ambulatory care health unit (including outpatient and community health units) which results in a dated entry being made in the patient/client record.

A service contact can include either face-to-face, telephone or video link service delivery modes. Service contacts would either be with a client, carer or family member or another health service provider involved in providing care and do not include contacts of an administrative nature (e.g. telephone contact to schedule an appointment) except where a matter would need to be noted on a patient's record.

There may be instances where notes are made in the client record that have not been prompted by a service contact with a patient/client (eg. noting receipt of test results that require no further action). These instances would not be regarded as a service contact.