



## Specialist Homelessness Services Collection e-Newsletter for homelessness agencies

1 October 2020



### Validata™ is ready to receive September extracts

If your July and August extracts have been submitted to Validata™, you can now upload and submit your September extracts.



### Data cut-off date for the Specialist Homelessness Services reports – 2020-21 3 month

The cut-off date for agencies to submit extracts for inclusion in the 2020-21 3 month Statistical Summaries is **9 November 2020**. Please ensure all extracts for July to September 2020 are uploaded as soon as possible. NOTE: In Validata™ when an extract has been validated and does not have any critical errors, the extract must be submitted to be included in SHS reporting.

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### 2019-20 12 month Statistical Summary Reports now available

The Statistical Summary reports for the 12 month period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, are now available to view on Validata™ by agencies and legal entities. Validata™ users with 'Reports' access can view their SHS agency Statistical Summary reports by selecting the 'Reports' tab in Validata™.

Please refer to Chapter 6 in the [SHS Validata™ Manual](#) for information on how to access your reports.



### Housing data dashboard is one year old

Last month marked the first birthday of the [Housing data dashboard](#), now home to 64 interactive data tiles comprising over 8.3 million data points!

Over the last year, we have been working hard to uncover more data from 25 key national datasets, to showcase the evidence about housing and homelessness in Australia. Since the Dashboard's release a year ago, the data tiles have been updated 176 times, 7 new data tiles have been added, and we have improved and redeveloped many of the other data tiles. We are continuing to explore additional data sets to add further dimensions to the site so keep watching and exploring. If you haven't visited the Housing data dashboard recently, have a look at some of the [new data recently published](#).





## Monthly training Tip!

### Recording 'Sex of Client' in the SHS collection

In July 2019, a third response category was added to the 'Sex of client' question – 'Other'. The 'Other' category has been added to enable recording of people who identify as having an 'indeterminate' sex, are 'intersex' or a 'non-binary' sex.

It is very important that the 'Other' category is **not used** to record situations where the sex of the client is not known or has not been asked by the agency worker.

Sex is a required field and must be completed by the agency worker. If this information has not been explicitly asked of the client then the agency worker should record the sex of the client based on their observation.



### SHS webinar training

Register for a webinar now by clicking the registration links in the table below. Webinar invitations will be sent **after** the 'Register by' date.

	Webinar date	Register by	What is covered?	Who should attend?
<b>Validata™ Webinar</b>  Register <a href="#">here</a>	<b>19 November 11 am AEDT</b>	12 November	Basic functions within Validata™ including uploading and submitting extracts, viewing reports & user admin.	All Validata™ users
<b>Basic</b>  Register <a href="#">here</a>	<b>12 October 2 pm AEDT</b>	5 October	Opening a client support period, SHSC concepts and definitions.	Staff new to agency, staff not able to attend face to face training, new to CMS
	<b>11 November 2 pm AEDT</b>	4 November		
<b>Advanced</b>  Register <a href="#">here</a>	<b>13 October 2 pm AEDT</b>	5 October	SHIP administrative functions.	Managers or anyone responsible for SHS reporting
	<b>12 November 2 pm AEDT</b>	4 November	SHIP case management functions.	Managers or coordinators with basic SHIP experience

SHS concepts and basic data entry eLearning modules can be found [here](#)

Additional eLearning modules and resources can be found on the [AIHW website](#)

