



Department of Children and Youth Affairs

Inventory of Data Sources on Children's Lives

A45 Notification to the Mental Health Commission of the Admission of a Child to an Adult Unit in an Approved Centre

Data owner	Mental Health Commission (www.mhcirl.ie)
Brief description	The collection of data on admissions (voluntary and involuntary) of children to Approved Centres that have been notified to the Mental Health Commission (MHC).
Primary function of data	To maintain a record of the admission of children to Approved Centres for adults.
Key classificatory variables	PPSN; ID Other; Sex; DOB; County
Themes/domains	Health; Environment; Demographics
Unit of observation	Child
Start date of data collection	November 2006
Frequency of data collection	Continuous. All relevant admissions must be notified to the MHC within 72 hours.
Data format	Separate record for each child
Method of data collection	<p>Paper-based form. Actual process of data collection involves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The 'Notification of an Admission of a Child to an Adult Unit' form is completed and signed by a nominee of the approved centre, and faxed to the MHC within 72 hours of admission of the child. 2. The MHC enters data on receipt into Access database. 3. Report sent every 6 months to Approved Centres for data validation. 4. Validated data received by the MHC, collated and published in its Annual Report.
Access/further information	<p>Mental Health Commission: www.mhcirl.ie</p> <p>Publications available at: http://www.mhcirl.ie/Publications/</p>
Notes	<p>The 'Notification of an Admission of a Child to an Adult Unit' form was revised in December 2011. Sections A, B and C must now be filled in for all child admissions to adult units.</p> <p><i>The Code of Practice Relating to Admission of Children under the Mental Health Act 2001 and Addendum to the Code of Practice</i> are available at: http://www.mhcirl.ie/Mental_Health_Act_2001/Mental_Health_Commission_Codes_of_Practice/Admission_of_Children/</p>