



## Department of Children and Youth Affairs

### Inventory of Data Sources on Children's Lives

#### A46 Notification to the Mental Health Commission of the Discharge of a Child from an Adult Unit in an Approved Centre

<b>Data owner</b>	Mental Health Commission ( <a href="http://www.mhcirl.ie">www.mhcirl.ie</a> )
<b>Brief description</b>	The collection of data on discharges (voluntary and involuntary) of children from Approved Centres that have been notified to the Mental Health Commission (MHC).
<b>Primary function of data</b>	To maintain a record of the discharge of children from Approved Centres for adults.
<b>Key classificatory variables</b>	ID Other; DOB; Sex
<b>Themes/domains</b>	Health; Demographics
<b>Unit of observation</b>	Child
<b>Start date of data collection</b>	November 2006
<b>Frequency of data collection</b>	Continuous. All relevant discharges must be notified to the MHC within 72 hours.
<b>Data format</b>	Separate record for each child
<b>Method of data collection</b>	Paper-based form. Actual process of data collection involves: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The 'Notification of Discharge of a Child from an Adult Unit' form (containing the details of the child being discharged) is completed and signed by a nominee of the approved centre, and faxed to the MHC once the child is discharged.</li> <li>2. The MHC enters data on receipt into Access database.</li> <li>3. Report sent every 6 months to the Approved Centres for data validation.</li> <li>4. Validated data received by the MHC, collated and published in its Annual Report.</li> </ol>
<b>Access/further information</b>	Mental Health Commission: <a href="http://www.mhcirl.ie">www.mhcirl.ie</a> Publications available at: <a href="http://www.mhcirl.ie/Publications/">http://www.mhcirl.ie/Publications/</a>