



# Department of Children and Youth Affairs

## Inventory of Data Sources on Children's Lives

### A47 Notification to the Mental Health Commission of the Admission of a Child to a Child 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>	Admissions (voluntary and involuntary) of children to Approved Centres (child units) that have been notified to the Mental Health Commission (MHC).
<b>Primary function of data</b>	To maintain a record of the admission of children to Approved Centres that are designated child and adolescent facilities.
<b>Key classificatory variables</b>	ID Other, Sex; DOB
<b>Themes/domains</b>	Health; Environment; Demographics
<b>Unit of observation</b>	Child
<b>Start date of data collection</b>	November 2006
<b>Frequency of data collection</b>	Monthly. All relevant admissions must be reported to the MHC on a monthly basis.
<b>Data format</b>	Separate record for each child.
<b>Method of data collection</b>	Electronic template. Actual process of data collection involves: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Child Unit – Child admission (and discharge) data template completed and returned via e-mail on a monthly basis.</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: Publications available at: <a href="http://www.mhcirl.ie/Publications/">http://www.mhcirl.ie/Publications/</a>
<b>Note</b>	The <i>Code of Practice Relating to Admission of Children under the Mental Health Act 2001</i> and <i>Addendum to the Code of Practice</i> are available at: <a href="http://www.mhcirl.ie/Mental_Health_Act_2001/Mental_Health_Commission_Codes_of_Practice/Admission_of_Children/">www.mhcirl.ie/Mental_Health_Act_2001/Mental_Health_Commission_Codes_of_Practice/Admission_of_Children/</a>