



Department of Children and Youth Affairs

Inventory of Data Sources on Children's Lives

A48 Notification to the Mental Health Commission of the Discharge of a Child from a Child Unit in an Approved Centre

Data owner	Mental Health Commission (www.mhcirl.ie)
Brief description	Discharges (voluntary and involuntary) of children from Approved Centres (child units) that have been notified to the Mental Health Commission (MHC).
Primary function of data	To maintain a record of the discharge of children from Approved Centres that are designated child and adolescent facilities.
Key classificatory variables	PPSN; ID Other; Sex; DOB
Themes/domains	Health; Environment; Demographics
Unit of observation	Child
Start date of data collection	November 2006
Frequency of data collection	Monthly. All relevant discharges must be reported to the MHC on a monthly basis.
Data format	Separate record for each child
Method of data collection	Electronic template. Actual process of data collection involves: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child Unit – Child admission (and discharge) data template completed and returned via e-mail on a monthly basis. 2. The MHC enters data on receipt into Access database. 3. Report sent every 6 months to the Quality Mental Health Services for data validation. 4. Validated data received by the MHC, collated and published in its Annual Report.
Access/further information	Mental Health Commission: www.mhcirl.ie Publications available at: http://www.mhcirl.ie/Publications/
Note	The <i>Code of Practice Relating to Admission of Children under the Mental Health Act 2001</i> (2006) and its associated <i>Addendum</i> (2009) are available at: www.mhcirl.ie/Mental_Health_Act_2001/Mental_Health_Commission_Codes_of_Practice/Admission_of_Children/