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| Proposals for revisions to the Victorian Alcohol and Drug Collection (VADC) for 2024-25 |
| For sector feedback October 2023 |
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# Executive summary

Each year the Department of Health reviews its key data collections to ensure the data collected:

* supports the department's state and national reporting obligations
* assists service planning and policy development
* reflects changes in funding and service provision arrangements for the coming financial year
* incorporates appropriate feedback from stakeholders on improvements.

As part of the Victorian Alcohol and Drug Collection (VADC) annual change process, proposals and feedback are invited from the alcohol and other drug (AOD) stakeholders, both from within the department and from service providers, to ensure changes to the VADC are fit-for-purpose for each financial year.

All annual change proposals submitted have been reviewed and assessed against a set of published change criteria by the VADC Change Management Group (CMG) comprising departmental and sector representation. We are now requesting feedback to the proposals outlined in this document.

The proposed revisions for VADC for 2024-25 include:

**New Data Entity**

* Support entity consisting of the following data elements:
* Support activity date
* Support activity duration
* Support activity type

**Addition of new data element**

* Cultural background/ethnicity
* Language spoken at home
* Additional Mental Health Diagnosis

**New data codesets**

* Support activity type codeset
* Cultural background/ethnicity codeset
* Language spoken at home codeset

**New validation rule**

* AOD### Support duration value must be 15 to 999
* C## Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and cultural background/ethnicity mismatch
* C## Language spoken at home is English yet stated as needing interpreter
* AOD### Mental health diagnosis reported as ‘not stated’ when Additional mental health diagnosis is reported.

**Deletion of existing validation rules**

* AOD75 No AUDIT score AND comprehensive assessment or treatment has ended
* AOD83 No DUDIT score AND comprehensive assessment or treatment has ended
* AOD183 cannot have contact record for Indirect AOD Support

# Introduction

This document is intended to invite comments and stimulate discussion from the AOD sector on the proposals outlined. All stakeholders including service providers, software vendors and data users, including those within the Department of Health (DH) and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) should review this documentand assess the proposals for implementation 1 July 2024.

This feedback will inform the CMG governance group in recommending proposals to be approved by the VADC Data Custodian for implementation to VADC in 2024-25.

Feedback from multiple people within your service should be collated into a single response for each proposal for ease of review and feedback.

We recommend speaking with the supplier of your client management system regarding technical impacts and your program manager regarding clinical impacts.

Specifications for revisions to the VADC for 2024-25 will be published in December 2023 and may include additions, amendments, or removal of information in this document.

Written feedback must be submitted in this feedback proforma by 5.00pm Wednesday 1 November 2023.

Please contact [VADC\_data@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:VADC_data@health.vic.gov.au) if you have any queries.

## Orientation to this document

* New elements and changes to existing data elements are highlighted in green.
* Redundant values and definitions relating to existing items are ~~highlighted yellow and struck through~~.
* Comments relating only to the proposal document appear in [*square brackets and italics*].
* New validations are marked ###
* Validations to be changed are marked \* when listed as part of a data item or below a validation table.
* Anticipated changes are shown under the appropriate manual section headings.

Please complete your details:

| **Name** |  |
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| **Job Title** |  |
| **AOD Service Provider Name** |  |
| **CMS system used** |  |
| **Your Branch and Unit**  **(for DH/DFFH)** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **Phone number** |  |

# Proposal 1 - Remove redundant warning validations for AUDIT and DUDIT outcome scores

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| **It is proposed to** | Remove redundant warning validations for AUDIT and DUDIT outcome scores, AOD75 and AOD83 respectively. |
| **Proposed by** | VADC Data team, Health Services Data,  Victorian Agency for Health Information (VAHI), DH |
| **Reason for proposed change** | VADC collects two Outcome Measure scores:   * AUDIT – Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test * DUDIT – Drug Use Disorders Identification Test   The proposed change is to remove AOD75 (AUDIT) and AOD83 (DUDIT) warning validations for the above outcome measure scores since they will never be reported due to a precursory error validation in place.  An existing error validation – AOD2 cannot be null – already checks that when AUDIT and DUDIT scores are reported, they must not be null. |
| **Details of change** | Remove the following two redundant warning validations: |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ID | Edit name / descriptions | Data elements | Pseudo code / rule |
| AOD75 | No AUDIT score AND comprehensive assessment has ended | Outcomes-AUDIT Score  Event-end date  Event-event type | Outcomes-AUDIT score =null AND Event-end date != null, when Event-event type =[2] |
| AOD83 | No DUDIT score AND comprehensive assessment has ended | Outcomes-DUDIT Score  Event-end date  Event-event type | Outcomes-DUDIT score =null AND Event-end date != null, when Event-event type =[2] |

## VADC Data Specification revisions

Section 5 Data element definitions

### 5.5.3 Outcomes—AUDIT Score—N[N]

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | | | | | | | | | |
| Definition | A client’s score from the Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT) | | | | | | | | |
| Value domain attributes | | | | | | | | | |
| Representational attributes | | | | | | | | | |
| Representation class | | | Total | | | | Data type | Number | | | | | |
| Format | | | N[N] | | | | Maximum character length | 2 | | | | | |
| Permissible values | | | ***Value*** | | | | ***Meaning*** | | | |
|  | | | >=0 and <=40 | | | | The AUDIT score must be between 0 and 40, inclusive. | | | |
| Supplementary values | | | ***Value*** | | | | ***Meaning*** | | | |
|  | | | 98 | | | | not applicable | | | |
|  | | | 99 | | | | not stated/inadequately described | | | |
| Data element attributes | | | | | | | | | |
| Reporting attributes | | | | | | | | | |
| Reporting requirements | | | | | Mandatory for Assessment service events on end, otherwise “98 -Not applicable” to be submitted. | | | | |
| Collection and usage attributes | | | | | | | | | |
| Guide for use | | | | | The World Health Organization’s Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT) is comprised of 3 scores, the Consumption score, the Dependence score and the Alcohol-related problems score. The AUDIT score should be captured as the total of all of these 3 scores for a registered client.  Only report where a client is receiving service for their own alcohol and drug use.  For clients whose treatment is related to the alcohol and other drug use of another person, this should be reported as 98.  This data element is used to calculate Client TIER   |  |  | | --- | --- | | 98 | Should be only used when considered not applicable to client e.g. for client’s where treatment is related to the alcohol and other drug use of another person, OR Youth and Forensic Services that do not perform AUDIT | | 99 | Should only be used where the information was not disclosed, unknown or client has disengaged prior to measuring outcomes. | | | | | |
| Source and reference attributes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Definition source | | | | | | Based on The World Health Organization’s Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test | | | | | |
| Definition source identifier | | | | | | <https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/67205/1/WHO_MSD_MSB_01.6a.pdf> | | | | | |
| Value domain source | | | | | | The World Health Organization’s Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test | | | | | |
| Value domain identifier | | | | | |  | | | | | |
| Relational attributes | | | | | | | | | |
| Related concepts | | Outcome | | | | | | | |
| Related data elements | | Outcomes -DUDIT Score | | | | | | | |
|  | | Client-TIER | | | | | | | |
| Edit/validation rules | | AOD2 cannot be null  AOD9 numeric only | | | | | | | |
|  | | AOD67 no registered client for event | | | | | | | |
|  | | AOD68 invalid outcome since client registered is not client | | | | | | | |
|  | | AOD74 out of audit score range | | | | | | | |
|  | | ~~AOD75 no AUDIT score AND comprehensive assessment has ended~~ | | | | | | | |
|  | | AOD143 at least one drug of concern group not reported within an outcome measure for closed service events where client is a person of concern | | | | | | |
| Other related information | | | |  | | | | | | | | |

### 5.5.6 Outcomes—DUDIT Score—N[N]

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | | | | | |
| Definition | A client’s score from the Drug Use Disorders Identification Test (DUDIT) | | | | | |
| Value domain attributes | | | | | |
| Representational attributes | | | | | |
| Representation class | Total | | | Data type | Number | |
| Format | N[N] | | | Maximum character length | 2 | |
| Permissible values instructions | ***Value*** | | | ***Meaning*** | | |
|  | >=0 and <=44 | | | The DUDIT score must be between 0 and 44, inclusive | | |
| Supplementary values | ***Value*** | | | ***Meaning*** | | |
|  | 98 | | | not applicable | | |
|  | 99 | | | not stated/inadequately described | | |
| Data element attributes | | | | | |
| Reporting attributes | | | | | |
| Reporting requirements | Mandatory for Assessment service events on end, otherwise “98 -Not applicable” to be submitted | | | | | |
| Collection and usage attributes | | | | | | | |
| Guide for use | | | The DUDIT Score should be total score captured from the DUDIT Assessment tool for a registered client.  For clients whose treatment is related to the alcohol and other drug use of another person, this should be reported as 98  This data element is used to calculate Client TIER   |  |  | | --- | --- | | 98 | Should only be used when considered not applicable to client e.g. for client’s where treatment is related to the alcohol and other drug use of another person OR where this is considered not applicable e.g. Youth and Forensic Services that do not perform DUDIT | | 99 | Should only be used where the information was not disclosed, unknown or client has disengaged prior to measuring outcomes. | | | | | |
| Source and reference attributes | | | | | | | | | |
| Definition source | | | Karolinska Institute, Department of Clinical Neuroscience | | | | | | | |
| Definition source identifier | | | Berman, Bergman, Palmstierna & Schlyter (2003) | | | | | | | |
| Value domain source | | |  | | | | | | | |
| Value domain identifier | | |  | | | | | | | |
| Relational attributes | | | | | | | |
| Related concepts | | Outcome | | | | | | |
| Related data elements | | Outcomes-AUDIT Score | | | | | | |
|  | | Client-TIER | | | | | | |
| Edit/validation rules | | AOD2 cannot be null  AOD9 numeric only | | | | | | |
|  | | AOD67 no registered client for event | | | | | | |
|  | | AOD68 invalid outcome since client registered is not person of concern (self) | | | | | | |
|  | | AOD82 out of DUDIT score range | | | | | | |
|  | | ~~AOD83 no DUDIT score AND comprehensive assessment has ended~~ | | | | | | |
| Other related information |  | | | | | |

Section 6 Edit/Validation Rules

Table 5.c Data Element edit/validation rules

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ID | Edit name/description | Data elements | Pseudo-code / rule | Source | Status |
| ~~AOD75~~ | ~~No AUDIT score AND comprehensive assessment has ended~~ | ~~Outcomes-AUDIT Score~~  ~~Event-end date~~  ~~Event-event type~~ | ~~Outcomes-AUDIT score =null AND Event-end date != null, when Event-event type =[2]~~ | ~~DH~~ | ~~warning~~ |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ID | Edit name/description | Data elements | Pseudo-code / rule | Source | Status |
| ~~AOD83~~ | ~~No DUDIT score AND comprehensive assessment has ended~~ | ~~Outcomes-DUDIT Score~~  ~~Event-end date~~  ~~Event-event type~~ | ~~Outcomes-DUDIT score =null AND Event-end date != null, when Event-event type =[2]~~ | ~~DH~~ | ~~warning~~ |

## Feedback for Proposal 1 - Remove redundant warning validations for AUDIT and DUDIT outcome scores

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| **AOD business impact and feasibility comments** | |  | |
| **Do you support this proposal to proceed for implementation?** | |  | |
| **Why do you support / not support this proposal?** | |  | |
| **Other comments** | |  | |
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# Proposal 2 - Indirect AOD Support Phase 2 data collection

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| **It is proposed to** | To introduce a new concept in VADC to allow further detail to be collected about non-client facing activities using a new ‘Support’ entity. |
| **Proposed by** | VAHI, DH |
| **Reason for proposed change** | The department recognises the complexities of providing clients with AOD treatments where service providers delivered a wide range of supports to clients and particularly when clients require supports outside of the usual client-facing activities.  The department introduced a trial initiative on 1 July 2023 outlined in the *Victorian alcohol and other drug (AOD) indirect support trial – guidelines*, a new service stream called ‘Indirect AOD Support - code 85’ to enable service providers to report AOD indirect supports though to VADC.  This trial was to enable service providers to report on AOD indirect support provided to clients to count towards their Drug Treatment Activity Units (DTAU) or Episode of Care (EOC). It was implemented to provide the department with a better understanding of the amount of indirect support delivered.  The trial initiative was planned for implementation in two phases:  • Phase 1 from 1 July 2023 – a new service stream called Indirect AOD Support (code 85) introduced in VADC, where service providers can report AOD indirect supports, which will count towards their Drug Treatment Activity Units (DTAU) or Episodes of Care (EOC) without having to create a contact record.  • Phase 2 propose updates to the VADC specifications as part of the annual change process to require services to provide details about AOD indirect support activities provided to clients. |
| **Details of change** | Amend VADC dataset to include a new data entity called ‘Support’.  Amend VADC Data Specification.  Amend the submission file structure/extract format and update the XSD.  Amend the VADC Compilation and Submission Specification.  The Service Stream of Indirect AOD Support (code 85) introduced in 2023-24 will be retired in 2024-25. AOD indirect support activities will be reported under a new entity called ‘Support’. Every instance of a support activity will be associated with a funding stream reported at the Service Event level.  New data elements to be reported in the Support entity:   * Date (this is the date of the support activity) * Duration (15 minutes or more) * Support activity types in scope are: * Care co-ordination and liaison with relevant support providers for clients without an active Care Recovery and Coordination course of treatment * Organising and/or attending case conferencing on behalf of the client * Organisation or support of the client, including organising appointments, referrals to local health and community services and referral follow-up * Report writing, risk assessments and other plans (where client is not present) * Case notes and other required documentation   Refer to the *Victorian alcohol and other drug (AOD) indirect support trial – guidelines* for further information. |

## VADC Data Specification revisions

Section 3 Concepts

### 3.2.8 Service event type

Service event types are defined in the table below.

Table Service Event types

| Code | Service event type | Description | Nature |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Presentation | Initial presentation of the client or potential client to the service provider, where a service is provided. | Episodic or Non-episodic |
| 2 | Assessment | The client is currently undergoing a comprehensive assessment by the service provider. | Episodic |
| 3 | Treatment | The client is receiving treatment from the service provider, intended to improve or resolve a presenting problem and/or diagnosed condition. | Episodic |
| 4 | Support | 1. The client is receiving support, from the service provider, that is not classed as treatment. 2. ~~The client support is provided in a non-client facing environment.~~ | Episodic or Non-episodic |

### 3.2.9 Service stream

Service streams are defined in the table below.

Table Service stream definitions

| Code | Service stream | Description |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 10 | Residential Withdrawal | Residential withdrawal services support clients to safely achieve neuro-adaptation reversal from drugs of dependence in a supervised residential or hospital facility.  Provides alcohol and drug withdrawal to young people and adults through a community residential drug withdrawal service. The treatment duration may range from an average of 7 to 28 days. |
| 11 | Non-residential Withdrawal | Non-residential withdrawal will include a clinical withdrawal assessment, withdrawal treatment in the person’s home or at an alcohol and drug service or in association with a rural hospital, and referral and information provision via face to face and telephone modalities, at a minimum. The duration may range from an average of 4 to 10 sessions. |
| 20 | Counselling | Therapeutic counselling interventions of varying duration and intensity to individuals, families and groups. Incorporates face to-face, online and telephone counselling. The duration may range from an average of 4 to 15 sessions. |
| 21 | Brief Intervention | Brief Interventions are education support, advice and intervention provided for clients screened as not requiring assessment including assertive engagement with clients over a period of time that have not been formally assessed.  The intervention can be ‘opportunistic’, or planned over one or more contacts, extending over a few sessions. Brief interventions generally consist of informal counselling and information on certain types of harms and risks associated with drug use and/or risky behaviours.  This includes single sessions of therapy work or consultations undertaken with family members or significant others. |
| 22 | Ante & Post Natal Support | Provides outpatient services to women who are pregnant and have an identified chemical dependency, normally heroin. |
| 30 | Residential Rehabilitation | Residential rehabilitation services provide intensive interventions that address the psychosocial causes of drug dependence in a structured residential setting.  Provides a 24-hour staffed residential treatment program. This program provides a range of interventions that aim to ensure lasting change and assist re-integration into community living and ranges from an average of 42 days to 3-4 months. |
| 31 | Therapeutic Day Rehabilitation | Provides intensive, structured intervention, often through day programs for people at risk of short-term harm as a result of their alcohol and other drug use, that have undergone withdrawal or period of abstinence or stabilisation of use. Programs involve individual and group counselling and allow a person to remain at home through the rehabilitation period. |
| 33 | Residential Pre-admission Engagement | Pre-admission preparation for clients prior to their entering a course of residential withdrawal or residential rehabilitation. This may include activities delivered prior to the client’s arrival such as:  providing preparatory counselling or other activity to prepare a client for their admission  supporting the client to undertake necessary preparatory arrangements  inducting the client to the residential program  providing support and information to the client’s family   * contacting the client regularly to encourage ongoing engagement with the program. |
| 50 | Care & Recovery Coordination | Offered to those with the highest need or at the greatest risk. Provides additional individualised and flexible support for designated people through face to face, telephone and online services continuing throughout clients’ treatment and for up to 12 months after commencement of treatment. This includes residential treatment preparation and after care support.  Includes short term supported accommodation for forensic clients. |
| 51 | Outreach | A service that provides assessment, support and on-going case co-ordination with alcohol and drug problems, in their own environment. |
| 52 | Bridging Support | Support offered to clients whilst waiting for assessment or treatment, via regular telephone support. This may also include support offered to clients’ post treatment. |
| 60 | Client Education Program | Client education programs designed to provide information and support to alcohol and other drug users and their families or significant others e.g. Caution with Cannabis, Methamphetamine Personal Education Program. This does not include community education programs, school education. |
| 71 | Comprehensive Assessment | A detailed assessment of the client aimed at clarifying the presence of the condition and at informing care planning. AOD use, medical history, mental health, risk, psychosocial factors are explored. Completed by a clinician over 1 or 2 sessions. This may also be performed prior to entering a residential facility. |
| 80 | Intake | Intake captures further information from that collected at screening and indicates whether further assessment is necessary.  Includes the initial assessment of a client to determine whether a particular condition or disorder is present and the A&D treatment type they should receive. It enables brief interventions to be conducted where appropriate. The assessment may be self-completed or completed with a clinician. |
| 81 | Outdoor Therapy (Youth) | This service targets and works specifically with young people experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, drug and alcohol related difficulties. It uses the Wilderness Adventure Therapy model, which integrates family therapy, outdoor education and drug treatment. |
| 82 | Day Program (Youth) | Directed at young people who may be either linked or involved in treatment. This service aims to provide short-term life skills, vocational, and recreational based programs and to provide support in accessing programs, which enhance the client’s capacity for non-drug abusive community living. |
| 83 | Follow Up | A further examination or observation of a client in order to monitor the success of earlier treatment performed at planned intervals e.g. 3 and 12 months from client’s last known treatment. |
| 84 | Supported Accommodation | Provides support for clients in short term accommodation who require assistance in controlling their alcohol or other drug use. |
| ~~85~~ | ~~Indirect AOD Support~~ | ~~Indirect AOD supports provided to an individual client in a non-client facing environment. These activities are part of a suite of activities that support the delivery of the client’s treatment and are undertaken on behalf of the client.~~  ~~The types of indirect AOD supports with a duration of 15 minutes or more are:~~   * ~~Care Co-ordination and liaison with relevant support providers for clients without an active care recovery and coordination course of treatment.~~ * ~~Organising and/or attending case conferencing on behalf of the client~~ * ~~Organisation or support of the client, including organising appointments, referrals to local health and community services and referral follow-up~~ * ~~Report writing, risk assessments and other plans (where client is not present)~~ * ~~Case notes and other required documentation~~   ~~Indirect AOD support should not be reported against service streams currently not recorded through VADC nor should it be recorded if the client has an active Care and Recovery Coordination course of treatment.~~  ~~Further information on in-scope activities are listed in the~~ *~~Victorian alcohol and other drug (AOD) indirect support trial – guidelines.~~* |

### 3.2.10Support (new concept)

A support task is defined as AOD support activities provided to clients in a non-client facing environment. These activities are part of a suite of activities that support the delivery of the client’s treatment and are undertaken on behalf of the client.

AOD indirect support activities may be funded if the duration of support being provided exceeds 15 minutes and where the client is not present nor directly receiving the support i.e. neither in person, via telephone nor telehealth.

Section 4 Business Rules

### 4.2.1 Service event

A service event must always be associated with a registered client.

In the instance where contacts have been recorded for services provided prior to client registration, a service event associated with these contacts can be reported in retrospect once the client has been registered. For example, outreach services may initially be provided with minimal client registration data available.

All open and closed service events are to be reported for the reporting period.

The common data elements that need to be reported for all service events are:

* Outlet service event identifier
* Outlet code
* Outlet client identifier
* Event type
* Service stream
* Funding source
* Service delivery setting (on service event end only)
* Start date
* End date (on service event end only)
* Forensic type
* Indigenous status

A service event must have at least one contact associated with it, excluding ~~indirect AOD support services and~~ residential based care. In the case of residential based care, a service event must have a minimum of one bed day involving a stay.

In the case of community-based care, the service event start date is the date of first contact and not any indirect care hours spent prior to first contact.

~~In the case of indirect AOD support, the service event start date is the date of the commencement of the indirect support task for the client where the task duration is greater than or equal to 15 mins.~~

~~Further information on indirect AOD support is available in the~~ *~~Victorian alcohol and other drug (AOD) indirect support trial – guidelines.~~*

In the case of residential based care, the service event start date is the date the client is admitted to the residential unit.

A service event will only have one nominated service stream from the table below dependent on the service event type.

Each combination of service stream and funding source will only be associated with one type of funding unit either:

* Drug Treatment Activity Units (DTAU)
* Episodes of Care (EOC)
* Courses of Treatment (COT)
* Not Funded
* Commonwealth/PHN funded (PE)
* Commonwealth (excludes PHN funded)

Note: some service streams are associated with multiple funding units as outlined in below.

Table Service event type to service stream mapping

| Service event type | Service stream code | Service stream | Funding unit | Activity type |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Presentation | 80 | Intake | DTAU |  |
| 33 | Residential pre-admission engagement | DTAU |  |
| Assessment | 71 | Comprehensive assessment | DTAU/EOC |  |
| Treatment | 10 | Residential withdrawal | DTAU | R |
| 11 | Non-residential withdrawal | DTAU/EOC |  |
| 20 | Counselling | DTAU/EOC |  |
| 22 | Ante & post-natal support | EOC |  |
| 30 | Residential rehabilitation | DTAU | R |
| 31 | Therapeutic day rehabilitation | DTAU |  |
| 50 | Care & recovery coordination | DTAU/EOC |  |
| 51 | Outreach | EOC |  |
| 60 | Client education program | COT |  |
| 81 | Outdoor therapy (youth) | EOC |  |
| 82 | Day program (youth) | EOC |  |
| 84 | Supported accommodation | EOC |  |
| Support | 21 | Brief intervention | DTAU/EOC |  |
| 52 | Bridging support | DTAU |  |
| ~~85~~ | ~~Indirect AOD Support~~ | ~~DTAU/EOC~~ |  |
| Review | 83 | Follow up | Not Funded |  |

### 4.2.5 Funding source attributes

**Table 4 Service event funding sources and funding units**

All references of Indirect AOD Support service stream (code 85) funding to be removed.

### 4.2.10 Service event type

### 4.2.10.4 Support

A Support service event can be episodic or non-episodic in nature.

~~An Indirect AOD Support is the type of support being provided exceeding 15 minutes and where the client is not present nor directly receiving the support i.e. either in person, via telephone or telehealth.~~

A single service event should be reported with event type of Support, regardless of nature.

No additional data elements to the common service event data elements listed in Section 4.2.1 need to be captured.

When the service event lasts over more than one session or contacts (episodic), the Support service event will be ended once all sessions have been completed.

### 4.2.12 Support (new business rule)

Support may include AOD indirect supports provided to an individual client in a non-client facing environment. These activities are part of a suite of activities that support the delivery of the client’s treatment and are undertaken on behalf of the client.

AOD indirect support activities may be funded if the type of support being provided exceeds 15 minutes and where the client is not present nor directly receiving the support i.e.: either in person, via telephone or telehealth.

Section 5 Data element definitions

### 5.4.6 Event—event type-N

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| *Identifying and definitional attributes* | | | |
| **Definition** | The event type of the service event provided to the client/potential client | | |
| **Value domain attributes** | | | |
| *Representational attributes* | | | |
| **Representation class** | Code | **Data type** | Number |
| **Format** | N | **Maximum character length** | 1 |
| **Permissible values** | ***Value*** | ***Meaning*** | |
|  | 1 | presentation | |
|  | 2 | assessment | |
|  | 3 | treatment | |
|  | 4 | support | |
|  | 5 | review | |
| **Data element attributes** | | | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | *Reporting attributes* | | | **Reporting requirements** | Mandatory | | | | |
| *Collection and usage attributes* | | | |
| **Guide for use** | The event type should correspond to the phase of the client journey that the client is currently in.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Code 1 | Presentation. The first presentation with the client or potential client to the service provider where the client is not already receiving treatment or support, and an intake service is provided | | Code 2 | Assessment. The client is currently undergoing assessment by the service provider | | Code 3 | Treatment. The client is receiving treatment by the service provider. Treatment is defined as any service which is provided to a client that is intended to improve or cure a presenting problem and/or diagnosed condition | | Code 4 | Support is used when the client is receiving support, and may be pre or post other event types  ~~OR Indirect AOD Support where support provided to/for a client without having direct contact with the client. Refer to the~~ *~~Victorian~~**~~alcohol and other drug (AOD) indirect support trial – guidelines~~* ~~for more details.~~ | | Code 5 | Review. The client is being reviewed in relation to a service that has been provided |   Note: This indicates what phase the current service event is for and does not dictate the order with which a client receives service events | | |
| *Source and reference attributes* | | | |
| **Definition source** | Department of Health | | |
| **Definition source identifier** |  | | |
| **Value domain source** | Department of Health | | |
| **Value domain identifier** |  | | |
| *Relational attributes* | | | |
| **Related concepts** | Service event | | |
| **Related data elements** | Event-service stream | | |
| **Edit/validation rules** | AOD0 value not in codeset for reporting period  AOD2 cannot be null  AOD28 presenting drug of concern but no presentation  AOD30 event type mismatch, event type is not treatment  AOD31 event type mismatch, event type is not assessment or treatment | | |
|  | AOD43 duplicate concurrent assessment event types | | |
|  | AOD48 event type mismatch  AOD159 presentation but no presenting drug of concern  ~~AOD183 cannot have contact record for Indirect AOD Support~~ | | |
| **Other related information** |  | | |

### 5.4.17 Event—service stream—NN

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Identifying and definitional attributes* | | | |
| **Definition** | The stream of service type that the service event belongs to | | |
| **Value domain attributes** | | | |
| *Representational attributes* | | | |
| **Representation class** | Code | **Data type** | Number |
| **Format** | NN | **Maximum character length** | 2 |
| **Permissible values** | ***Value*** | ***Meaning*** | |
|  | 10 | Residential withdrawal | |
|  | 11 | Non-residential withdrawal | |
|  | 20 | Counselling | |
|  | 21 | Brief intervention (incl. Single sessions with family) | |
|  | 22 | Ante & post natal support | |
|  | 30 | Residential rehabilitation | |
|  | 31 | Therapeutic day rehabilitation | |
|  | 33 | Residential pre-admission engagement | |
|  | 50 | Care & recovery coordination | |
|  | 51 | Outreach | |
|  | 52 | Bridging support | |
|  | 60 | Client education program | |
|  | 71 | Comprehensive assessment | |
|  | 80 | Intake | |
|  | 81 | Outdoor therapy (Youth) | |
|  | 82 | Day program (Youth) | |
|  | 83 | Follow up | |
|  | 84  ~~85~~ | Supported accommodation  ~~Indirect AOD Support~~ | |
| **Supplementary values** | ***Value*** | ***Meaning*** | |
|  | 98 | Other | |
| **Data element attributes** | | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | *Reporting attributes* | | | **Reporting requirements** | Mandatory | | | | | |
| *Collection and usage attributes* | | | |
| **Guide for use** | A single service stream should be nominated for a service event.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Code 21 | To be used for brief interventions, including single sessions with family | | Code 33 | Pre-admission preparation for clients prior to their entering a course of residential withdrawal or rehabilitation | | Code 51 | To be used for all outreach activities including youth and pharmacotherapy regional outreach | | Code 52 | To be used for support services provided pre and post Assessment and Treatment service events | | Code 60 | For specific client educations programs only. Not to be used for general education and information, preventative community-based education | | Code 82 | To be used for any youth day program | | Code 83 | To be used for follow up services where funding source is not applicable | | Code 84 | Youth/Aboriginal Supported Accommodation Services only | | ~~Code 85~~ | ~~To be used for Indirect AOD Support where supports are provided to an individual client in a non-client facing environment. These activities are part of a suite of activities that support the delivery of the client’s treatment and are undertaken on behalf of the client.~~  ~~The types of indirect AOD supports included are as follows and must have a duration of 15 minutes or more:~~   * ~~Care Co-ordination and liaison with relevant support providers for clients without an active care recovery and coordination course of treatment.~~ * ~~Organising and/or attending case conferencing on behalf of the client~~ * ~~Organisation or support of the client, including organising appointments, referrals to local health and community services and referral follow-up~~ * ~~Report writing, risk assessments and other plans (where client is not present)~~ * ~~Case notes and other required documentation~~   ~~Indirect AOD support should not be reported against service streams currently not recorded through VADC nor should it be recorded if the client has an active Care and Recovery Coordination course of treatment.~~  ~~Further information on in-scope activities are listed in the~~ *~~Victorian alcohol and other drug (AOD) indirect support trial – guidelines.~~* | | Code 98 | Where there is no appropriate service stream to describe the service event, this code is to be used e.g. where a new type of treatment has been developed | |  |  | | | |
| *Source and reference attributes* | | | |
| **Definition source** | METeOR | | |
| **Definition source identifier** | Based on Episode of treatment for alcohol and other drugs–treatment type (main), code N - 270056 | | |
| **Value domain source** | METeOR | | |
| **Value domain identifier** | Based on [main treatment type for alcohol and other drugs code N - 270660](javascript:void(0);) | | |
| *Relational attributes* | | | |
| **Related concepts** | Service event | | |
|  | Service stream | | |
| **Related data elements** | Event-funding source | | |
|  | Event-event type | | |
| **Edit/validation rules** | AOD0 value not in codeset for reporting period | | |
|  | AOD2 cannot be null | | |
|  | AOD48 event type mismatch  ~~AOD183 cannot have contact record for Indirect AOD Support~~ | | |
| **Other related information** |  | | |

### 5.8 Support (~~5.8~~ 5.9 Technical)

The support entity consists of the following data elements:

5.8.1 Support—support activity date-DDMMYYYYHHMM

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Identifying and definitional attributes* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Definition** | | | | | | The date and time of support activity provided by an AODT service provider for a client in a non-client facing environment where the task duration is greater than or equal to 15 minutes | | | | | |
| **Value domain attributes** | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Representational attributes* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Representation class** | | | | | | Date/time | | **Data type** | Date/time | | |
| **Format** | | | | | | DDMMYYYYHHMM | | **Maximum character length** | 12 | | |
| **Data element attributes** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Reporting attributes* | | | | | | | | | |
| **Reporting requirements** | | | | | Mandatory | | | | |
| *Collection and usage attributes* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Guide for use** | | | | | | Record the date and time of each support activity provided for a client in a non-client facing environment. | | | | | |
| Source and reference attributes | | | | | | |
| Definition source | | | | | Department of Health | | | | |
| Definition source identifier | | | | |  | | | | |
| Value domain source | | | | | METeOR | | | | |
| Value domain identifier | | | | | Based on [Date DDMMYYYY - 270566](javascript:void(0);) | | | | |
| Relational attributes | | | | | | |
| Related concepts | | | | | Support  Service Event | | | | |
| Related data elements | | | | | Event-start date  Event-end date | | | | |
| Edit/validation rules | | | | | AOD0 value not in codeset for reporting period  AOD2 cannot be null | | | | |
|  | | | | | AOD5 date cannot be in future | | | | |
|  | | | | | AOD6 date earlier than client’s date of birth | | | | |
|  | | | | | AOD7 date earlier than event start date | | | | |
|  | | | | | AOD8 date later than associated event end date  AOD134 date cannot be null and must be in DDMMYYYYHHMM format | | | | |
| Other related information | | | | |  | | | | |
| 5.8.2 Support—support activity duration—N[N][N]   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | *Identifying and definitional attributes* | | | | | **Definition** | The duration of support (of 15 minutes or more) that has been provided for a client in a non-client facing environment. | | | | **Value domain attributes** | | | | | *Representational attributes* | | | | | **Representation class** | Total | **Data type** | Number | | **Format** | N[N][N] | **Maximum character length** | 3 | | **Permissible values** | ***Value*** | ***Meaning*** | | |  | >=15 and <=999 | value greater than or equal to 15 minutes and less than or equal to 999 minutes | | | **Data element attributes** | | | | | *Reporting attributes* | | | | | **Reporting requirements** | Mandatory – All Supports. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | Collection and usage attributes | | | Guide for use | The total time from the start to finish of a support activity in minutes with a minimum of 15 minutes recorded. This should be the duration reported in minutes from start to finish to complete the support activity excluding interruptions. | | Source and reference attributes | | | Definition source | Department of Health | | Definition source identifier |  | | Value domain source | METeOR | | Value domain identifier | [Total minutes NNN - 286680](javascript:void(0);) | | Relational attributes | | | Related concepts | Support | |  | Service event | | Related data elements | Support-activity date | | Edit/validation rules | AOD2 cannot be null  AOD9 numeric only  AOD### value must be 15 to 999 | | Other related information |  | | | | | | | |  | |

5.8.3 Support—support activity type—NN

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Identifying and definitional attributes* | | | |
| **Definition** | The type of support activity provided to an individual client in a non-client facing environment of 15 minutes or more | | |
| **Value domain attributes** | | | |
| *Representational attributes* | | | |
| **Representation class** | Code | **Data type** | Number |
| **Format** | NN | **Maximum character length** | 2 |
| **Permissible values instructions** | ***Value*** | ***Meaning*** | |
|  | 1 | Care Co-ordination and liaison with relevant support providers for clients without an active care recovery and coordination course of treatment. | |
|  | 2 | Organising and/or attending case conferencing on behalf of the client | |
|  | 3 | Organisation or support of the client, including organising appointments, referrals to local health and community services and referral follow-up | |
|  | 4 | Report writing, risk assessments and other plans (where client is not present) | |
|  | 5 | Case notes and other required documentation | |
| **Supplementary values** | Value | Meaning | |
|  | 98 | Other support activity types | |
|  | 99 | not stated/inadequately described | |
| **Data element attributes** | | | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | *Reporting attributes* | | | **Reporting requirements** | Mandatory – All Supports. | | | | |
| *Source and reference attributes* | | | |
| **Definition source** | Department of Health | | |
| **Definition source identifier** |  | | |
| **Value domain source** | Department of Health | | |
| **Value domain identifier** |  | | |
| *Relational attributes* | | | |
| **Related concepts** | Support  Service Event | | |
| **Related data elements** | Support-activity date | | |
|  | Support-activity duration | | |
| **Edit/validation rules** | AOD0 value not in codeset for reporting period  AOD2 cannot be null | | |
| **Other related information** |  | | |

Section 6 Edit/Validation Rules

Table 5.c Data Element edit/validation rules

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ID | Edit name/description | Data elements | Pseudo-code / rule | Source | Status |
| ~~AOD183~~ | ~~Cannot have contact record for Indirect AOD Support~~  *~~Only applies when Report Period >= 072023~~* | ~~Contact~~  ~~Event –service stream~~  ~~Event –event type~~ | ~~Event –event type = 4~~  ~~and Event –service stream = 85 and count (Contact) > 0~~ | ~~DH~~ | ~~error~~ |
| AOD0 | Value is not in codeset for reporting period | Applicable to codeset fields. Refer to edit/validation rules in Section 5, Data element definitions | Code != reference codeset lookup | DH | error |
| AOD### | Support duration value must be 15 to 999  *Only applies when Report Period >= 072024* | Support  Support-support activity date  Support-support activity duration | Support-support duration >=15 and <=999 | DH | error |

## VADC Compilation and Submission Specification revisions

### 3.4 File component: Service event

The service event element and associated child elements (referred to as the Service Event Record) is used to submit data about the service event and associated:

1. Contacts
2. Outcome Measures (including drugs of concern)
3. Referrals
4. Supports

The associated elements must be submitted in the context of a service event and cannot exist individually.

**Figure x: Example XML fragment of a Service Event Record within the XSD**

<service\_event>

<contact>

…

</contact>

<support>

…

</support>

<referral>

…

</referral>

<outcome\_measure>

…

</outcome\_measure>

</service\_event>

3.4.4 Support (new)

Figure below shows an example of XML fragment of a Support child record within the XSD for the Service Event Record.

Support child records and associated data elements do not have to be submitted if no Supports exist for the Service Event.

Multiple Support child records can be submitted within a given Service Event parent record.

Support child records are cumulative within VADC file submissions. This means that once a Support has been associated with a service event, it needs to be submitted with that Service Event Record in all subsequent reporting periods, not just the child records that occur during those reporting periods.

Figure x: Example XML fragment, child Support elements within the Service Event Record

<support>

<support\_activity\_date>161020241130</support\_activity\_date>

<support\_activity\_duration>30</support\_activity\_duration>

<support\_activity\_type>2</support\_activity\_type>

</support>

## Feedback for Proposal 2 - Indirect AOD Support Phase 2 data collection

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **AOD business impact and feasibility comments** |  |
| **Do you support this proposal to proceed for implementation?** |  |
| **Why do you support / not support this proposal?** |  |
| **Other comments** |  |

# Proposal 3 - Cultural background/Ethnicity

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **It is proposed to** | Add a new data item *Cultural background/Ethnicity* to collect data on client’s shared identity or similarity of a group of people based on one or more distinguishing characteristics. |  |
| **Proposed by** | Evidence, Performance and Information Systems, Mental Health and Wellbeing Division, Department of Health |  |
| **Reason for proposed change** | This data item will identify the type of clients with a culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) background presenting to AOD services to inform how services can improve accessibility and services that respond to complex or multiple conditions for CALD community members.  The **Royal Commission into Victorian’s Mental Health System**  reforms call for better-integrated care between MH and AOD. A better understanding of the consumers that access AOD and MH services will help inform how service models evolve to increase accessibility:   * **Recommendation 35.1b** “Do not exclude consumers living with substance use or addiction for accessing treatment, care and support.” * **Recommendation 36.1c** “Provide primary consultation to people living with mental illness and substance use or addiction who have a complex support needs”. |  |
| **Details of change** | Add new data item *Cultural background/Ethnicity* and its related dataset sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Census data for Australian Standard Classification of Cultural and Ethnic Groups (ASCCEG) **(**[**https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/classifications/australian-standard-classification-cultural-and-ethnic-groups-ascceg/latest-release**](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/classifications/australian-standard-classification-cultural-and-ethnic-groups-ascceg/latest-release)**)**  Amend VADC dataset to include the new data item.  Amend VADC Data Specification.  Amend the submission file structure/extract format and update the XSD.  Amend the VADC Compilation and Submission Specification. |  |

## VADC Data Specification revisions

Section 5 Data element definitions

5.1.22 Client— Cultural background/Ethnicity—NNN

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Identifying and definitional attributes* | | | |
| **Definition** | Client’s shared identity or similarity of a group of people based on one or more distinguishing characteristics. | | |
| **Value domain attributes** | | | |
| *Representational attributes* | | | |
| **Representation class** | Code | **Data type** | Number |
| **Format** | NNN | **Maximum character length** | 3 |
| **Permissible values** | ***Value*** | ***Meaning*** | |
|  | **1** | **Oceanian**   * Australian Peoples   + Australian   + Australian Aboriginal   + Australian South Sea Islander   + Torres Strait Islander   + Norfolk Islander * New Zealand Peoples   + Maori   + New Zealander * Melanesian and Papuan   + New Caledonian   + Ni-Vanuatu   + Papua New Guinean   + Solomon Islander   + Melanesian and Papuan * Micronesian   + I-Kiribati   + Nauruan   + Micronesian * Polynesian   + Cook Islander   + Fijian   + Niuean   + Samoan   + Tongan   + Hawaiian   + Tahitian   + Tokelauan   + Tuvaluan   + Pitcairn   + Polynesian | |
|  | **2** | **North-West European**   * British   + English   + Scottish   + Welsh   + Channel Islander   + Manx   + British * Irish   + Irish * Western European   + Austrian   + Dutch   + Flemish   + French   + German   + Swiss   + Belgian   + Frisian   + Luxembourg   + Western European * Northern European   + Danish   + Finnish   + Icelandic   + Norwegian   + Swedish   + Northern European | |
|  | **3** | **Southern and Eastern European**   * Southern European   + Basque   + Catalan   + Italian   + Maltese   + Portuguese   + Spanish   + Gibraltarian   + Southern European * South-eastern European   + Albanian   + Bosnian   + Bulgarian   + Croatian   + Greek   + Macedonian   + Moldovan   + Montenegrin   + Romanian   + Roma Gypsy   + Serbian   + Slovene   + Cypriot   + Vlach   + South Eastern European * Eastern European   + Belarusan   + Czech   + Estonian   + Hungarian   + Latvian   + Lithuanian   + Polish   + Russian   + Slovak   + Ukrainian   + Sorb/Wend   + Eastern European | |
|  | **4** | **North African and Middle Eastern**   * Arab   + Algerian   + Egyptian   + Iraqi   + Jordanian   + Kuwaiti   + Lebanese   + Libyan   + Moroccan   + Palestinian   + Saudi Arabian   + Syrian   + Tunisian   + Yemeni   + Bahraini   + Emirati   + Omani   + Qatari   + Arab * Jewish   + Jewish * Peoples of the Sudan   + Bari   + Darfur   + Dinka   + Nuer   + South Sudanese   + Sudanese   + Peoples of the Sudan * Other North African and Middle Eastern   + Berber   + Coptic   + Iranian   + Kurdish   + Turkish   + Assyrian   + Chaldean   + Mandaean   + Nubian   + Yezidi   + Other North African and Middle Eastern | |
|  | **5** | **South-East Asian**   * Mainland South-East Asian   + Anglo-Burmese   + Burmese   + Hmong   + Khmer (Cambodian)   + Lao   + Thai   + Vietnamese   + Karen   + Mon   + Chin   + Rohingya   + Mainland South-East Asian * Maritime South-East Asian   + Filipino   + Indonesian   + Javanese   + Madurese   + Malay   + Sundanese   + Timorese   + Acehnese   + Balinese   + Bruneian   + Kadazan   + Singaporean   + Temoq   + Maritime South-East Asian | |
|  | **6** | **North-East Asian**   * Chinese Asian   + Chinese   + Taiwanese   + Chinese Asian * Other North-East Asian   + Japanese   + Korean   + Mongolian   + Tibetan   + Other North-East Asian | |
|  | **7** | **Southern and Central Asian**   * Southern Asian   + Anglo-Indian   + Bengali   + Burgher   + Gujarati   + Indian   + Malayali   + Nepalese   + Pakistani   + Punjabi   + Sikh   + Sinhalese   + Maldivian   + Bangladeshi   + Bhutanese   + Fijian Indian   + Kashmiri   + Parsi   + Sindhi   + Sri Lankan   + Sri Lankan Tamil   + Indian Tamil   + Tamil, nfd   + Telugu   + Southern Asian * Central Asian   + Afghan   + Armenian   + Georgian   + Kazakh   + Pathan   + Uzbek   + Azeri   + Hazara   + Tajik   + Tatar   + Turkmen   + Uighur   + Kyrgyz   + Central Asian | |
|  | **8** | **People of the American**   * North American   + African American   + American   + Canadian   + French Canadian   + Hispanic North American   + Native North American Indian   + Bermudan   + North American * South American   + Argentinian   + Bolivian   + Brazilian   + Chilean   + Colombian   + Ecuadorian   + Guyanese   + Peruvian   + Uruguayan   + Venezuelan   + Paraguayan   + South American * Central American   + Mexican   + Nicaraguan   + Salvadoran   + Costa Rican   + Guatemalan   + Mayan   + Central American * Caribbean Islander   + Cuban   + Jamaican   + Trinidadian Tobagonian   + Barbadian   + Puerto Rican   + Caribbean Islander | |
|  | **9** | **Sub-Saharan African**   * Central and West African   + Akan   + Fulani   + Ghanaian   + Nigerian   + Yoruba   + Ivorean   + Liberian   + Sierra Leonean   + Acholi   + Cameroonian   + Congolese   + Gio   + Igbo   + Krahn   + Mandinka   + Senegalese   + Themne   + Togolese   + Central and West African * Southern and East African   + Afrikaner   + Angolan   + Eritrean   + Ethiopian   + Kenyan   + Malawian   + Mauritian   + Mozambican   + Namibian   + Oromo   + Seychellois   + Somali   + South African   + Tanzanian   + Ugandan   + Zambian   + Zimbabwean   + Amhara   + Batswana   + Hutu   + Masai   + Tigrayan   + Tigre   + Zulu   + Burundian   + Kunama   + Madi   + Ogaden   + Rwandan   + Shona   + Swahili   + Swazilander   + Southern and East African | |
| **Supplementary values** | ***Value*** | ***Meaning*** | |
|  | 10 | **Unknown**  Person that does not know their cultural background/ethnicity | |
|  | 11 | **Prefer not to answer**  Person who does not want to disclose their cultural background/ethnicity | |
| **Data element attributes** | | | |
| *Reporting attributes* | | | |
| **Reporting requirements** | Mandatory | | |
| *Collection and usage attributes* | | | |
| **Guide for use** | Cultural background/Ethnicity should be based on the information given by the client. This data item identifies a client’s shared identity or similarity of a group of people based on one or more distinguishing characteristics. | | |
| *Source and reference attributes* | | | |
| **Definition source** | Department of Health | | |
| **Definition source identifier** |  | | |
| **Value domain source** | Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Census data for Australian Standard Classification of Cultural and Ethnic Groups (ASCCEG) | | |
| **Value domain identifier** | Based on 1249.0 ASCCEG (2019) | | |
| *Relational attributes* | | | |
| **Related concepts** | Client | | |
| **Related data elements** | Client—country of birth | | |
|  | Client—refugee status  Client—preferred language | | |
|  | Event—indigenous status | | |
| **Edit/validation rules** | AOD0 value not in codeset for reporting period  AOD2 cannot be null  C## Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and cultural background/ethnicity mismatch | | |
| **Other related information** |  | | |

Section 6 Edit/Validation Rules

Table 5.c Data Element edit/validation rules

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ID | Edit name/description | Data elements | Pseudo-code / rule | Source | Status |
| C## | Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and cultural background/ethnicity mismatch | Event-Indigenous status  Client-cultural background/ethnicity | Indigenous status = [1 OR 2 OR 3] AND Cultural background/ethnicity ≠ 1 | DH | warning |

## VADC Compilation and Submission Specification revisions

3.3.1 Dependant

The dependant record and associated data elements do not have to be submitted if the client does not have any dependants.

Figure 3 below shows the Client element and all associated child elements within the XSD.

Figure 3: Client Record within the XSD



<- cultural\_background/ethnicity

Figure 4, the XML fragment below, implements the XSD diagrammatically represented above.

Figure 4: Example XML fragment, Client Record

<client>

<action>I</action>

<outlet\_client\_id>1234567890</outlet\_client\_id>

<content>

<acquired\_brain\_injury>2</acquired\_brain\_injury>

<country\_of\_birth>1101</country\_of\_birth>

<date\_first\_registered>03082012</date\_first\_registered>

<date\_of\_birth>03111980</date\_of\_birth>

<dob\_accuracy\_ind>AAA</dob\_accuracy\_ind>

<gender\_identity>2</gender\_identity>

<ihi>6532541258274532</ihi>

<lgb\_flag>2</lgb\_flag>

<locality\_name>Melbourne</locality\_name>

<medicare\_number>56325412541</medicare\_number>

<mental\_health\_diagnosis>1</mental\_health\_diagnosis>

<need\_for\_interpreter>9</need\_for\_interpreter>

<postcode>3015</postcode>

<preferred\_language>1201</preferred\_language>

<cultural\_background/ethnicity>1</cultural\_background/ethnicity>

<refugee\_status>1</refugee\_status>

<sex\_at\_birth>2</sex\_at\_birth>

<slk>AHGIJ031119802</slk>

<dependant>

<outlet\_dependant\_id>1234567890</outlet\_dependant\_id>

<child\_protection\_order\_flag>3</child\_protection\_order\_flag>

<living\_with\_flag>9</living\_with\_flag>

<vulnerable\_flag>9</vulnerable\_flag>

<year\_of\_birth>1990</year\_of\_birth>

</dependant>

</content>

</client>

7 Element mapping

The tables below contain the mapping from XSD element to the corresponding data element as specified in the VADC Data Specification.

Table 6: Client XSD element mapping

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Client | |
| XML Element Name | Data Element Name |
| acquired\_brain\_injury | Client – acquired brain injury |
| country\_of\_birth | Client – country of birth |
| date\_first\_registered | Client – date first registered |
| date\_of\_birth | Client – date of birth |
| dob\_accuracy\_ind | Client – date of birth accuracy |
| child\_protection\_order\_flag | Client – Dependant child protection order flag |
| living\_with\_flag | Client – Dependant living with flag |
| vulnerable\_flag | Client – Dependant vulnerable flag |
| year\_of\_birth | Client – Dependant year of birth |
| gender\_identity | Client – gender identity |
| ihi | Client – individual health identifier |
| lgb\_flag | Client – LGB flag |
| locality\_name | Client – locality name |
| medicare\_number | Client – Medicare card number |
| mental\_health\_diagnosis | Client – mental health diagnosis |
| need\_for\_interpreter | Client – need for interpreter services |
| outlet\_client\_id | Outlet – outlet client identifier |
| postcode | Client – postcode |
| preferred\_language | Client – preferred language |
| cultural background/ethnicity | Client – cultural background/ethnicity |
| refugee\_status | Client – refugee status |
| sex\_at\_birth | Client – sex at birth |
| slk | Client – statistical linkage key 581 |

## Feedback for Proposal 3 - Cultural background/Ethnicity

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| **AOD business impact and feasibility comments** |  |
| **Do you support this proposal to proceed for implementation?** |  |
| **Why do you support / not support this proposal?** |  |
| **Other comments** |  |

# Proposal 4 - Language spoken at home (other than English)

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| **It is proposed to** | Add a new data item *Language spoken at home* to collect data on language spoken at home other than English. |  |
| **Proposed by** | Evidence, Performance and Information Systems, Mental Health and Wellbeing Division, Department of Health |  |
| **Reason for proposed change** | This data item will identify the type of clients with a culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) background presenting to AOD services to inform how services can improve accessibility and services that respond to complex or multiple conditions for CALD community members.  The **Royal Commission into Victorian’s Mental Health System**  reforms call for better-integrated care between MH and AOD. A better understanding of the consumers that access AOD and MH services will help inform how service models evolve to increase accessibility:   * **Recommendation 35.1b** “Do not exclude consumers living with substance use or addiction for accessing treatment, care and support.” * **Recommendation 36.1c** “Provide primary consultation to people living with mental illness and substance use or addiction who have a complex support needs”. |  |
| **Details of change** | Add new data item *Language spoken at home* and its related dataset that is aligned with the Australian Bureau of Statistics Language used at home (LANP) codeset.  Amend VADC dataset to include the new data item.  Amend VADC Data Specification.  Amend the submission file structure/extract format and update the XSD.  Amend the VADC Compilation and Submission Specification. |  |

## VADC Data Specification revisions

Section 5 Data element definitions

5.1.23 Client—language spoken at home—NNN

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Identifying and definitional attributes* | | | |
| **Definition** | Language the client uses to communicate at home. This may be a language other than English even where the person can speak fluent English. | | |
| **Value domain attributes** | | | |
| *Representational attributes* | | | |
| **Representation class** | Code | **Data type** | Number |
| **Format** | NNN | **Maximum character length** | 3 |
| **Permissible values** | ***Value*** | ***Meaning*** | |
|  | **1** | **Northern European Languages**  Celtic  English  German and Related Languages  Dutch and Related Languages  Scandinavian  Finnish and Related Languages | |
|  | **2** | **Southern European Languages**  French  Greek  Iberian Romance  Italian  Maltese  Other Southern Eurpoean Languages | |
|  | **3** | **Eastern European Languages**  Baltic  Hungarian  East Slavic  South Slavic  West Slavic  Other Eastern European Languages | |
|  | **4** | **South-West and Central Asian Languages**  Iranic  Middle Eastern Semitic Languages  Turkic  Other Southwest and Central Asian Languages | |
|  | **5** | **Southern Asian Languages**  Dravidian  Indo-Aryan  Other Southern Asian Languages | |
|  | **6** | **South-East Asian Languages**  Burmese and Related Languages  Hmong-Mien  Mon-Khmer  Tai  Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages | |
|  | **7** | **Eastern Asian Languages**  Chinese  Japanese  Korean  Other Eastern Asian Languages | |
|  | **8** | **Australian Indigenous Languages**  Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages  Yolngu Matha  Cape York Peninsula Languages  Torres Strait Island Languages  Northern Desert Fringe Area Languages  Arandic  Western Desert Languages  Kimberley Area Languages  Other Australian Indigenous Languages | |
|  | **9** | **Other Languages**  American Languages  African Languages  Pacific Austronesian Languages  Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles  Papua New Guinea Languages  Invented Languages  Sign Languages | |
| **Supplementary values** | ***Value*** | ***Meaning*** | |
|  | 10 | **Unknown**  Person that does not know their language spoken at home | |
|  | 11 | **Prefer not to answer**  Person who does not want to disclose their language spoken at home | |
| **Data element attributes** | | | |
| *Reporting attributes* | | | |
| **Reporting requirements** | Mandatory | | |
| *Collection and usage attributes* | | | |
| **Guide for use** | Language spoken at home should be based on the information given by the client. This data item identifies whether a client uses a language other than English at home and if so, records the main non-English language which is used. | | |
| *Source and reference attributes* | | | |
| **Definition source** | Department of Health | | |
| **Definition source identifier** |  | | |
| **Value domain source** | METeOR | | |
| **Value domain identifier** | Based on 659404 Language code (ASCL 2016) N{NNN} | | |
| *Relational attributes* | | | |
| **Related concepts** | Client | | |
| **Related data elements** | Client—country of birth | | |
|  | Client—need for interpreter services | | |
|  | Client—refugee status  Client—preferred language | | |
|  | Event—indigenous status | | |
| **Edit/validation rules** | C## Language spoken at home is English yet stated as needing interpreter  AOD0 value not in codeset for reporting period  AOD2 cannot be null | | |
| **Other related information** |  | | |

Section 6 Edit/Validation Rules

Table 5.c Data Element edit/validation rules

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ID | Edit name/description | Data elements | Pseudo-code / rule | Source | Status |
| C## | Language spoken at home is English yet stated as needing interpreter | Client-need for interpreter services  Client-language spoken at home | Language spoken at home = 1 AND need for interpreter services ≠ 2 | DH | warning |

## VADC Compilation and Submission Specification revisions

3.3.1 Dependant

The dependant record and associated data elements do not have to be submitted if the client does not have any dependants.

Figure 3 below shows the Client element and all associated child elements within the XSD.

Figure 3: Client Record within the XSD



<- language\_spoken\_at\_home

Figure 4, the XML fragment below, implements the XSD diagrammatically represented above.

Figure 4: Example XML fragment, Client Record

<client>

<action>I</action>

<outlet\_client\_id>1234567890</outlet\_client\_id>

<content>

<acquired\_brain\_injury>2</acquired\_brain\_injury>

<country\_of\_birth>1101</country\_of\_birth>

<date\_first\_registered>03082012</date\_first\_registered>

<date\_of\_birth>03111980</date\_of\_birth>

<dob\_accuracy\_ind>AAA</dob\_accuracy\_ind>

<gender\_identity>2</gender\_identity>

<ihi>6532541258274532</ihi>

<lgb\_flag>2</lgb\_flag>

<locality\_name>Melbourne</locality\_name>

<medicare\_number>56325412541</medicare\_number>

<mental\_health\_diagnosis>1</mental\_health\_diagnosis>

<need\_for\_interpreter>9</need\_for\_interpreter>

<postcode>3015</postcode>

<preferred\_language>1201</preferred\_language>

<language\_spoken\_at\_home>1</language\_spoken\_at\_home>

<refugee\_status>1</refugee\_status>

<sex\_at\_birth>2</sex\_at\_birth>

<slk>AHGIJ031119802</slk>

<dependant>

<outlet\_dependant\_id>1234567890</outlet\_dependant\_id>

<child\_protection\_order\_flag>3</child\_protection\_order\_flag>

<living\_with\_flag>9</living\_with\_flag>

<vulnerable\_flag>9</vulnerable\_flag>

<year\_of\_birth>1990</year\_of\_birth>

</dependant>

</content>

</client>

7 Element mapping

The tables below contain the mapping from XSD element to the corresponding data element as specified in the VADC Data Specification.

Table 6: Client XSD element mapping

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Client | |
| XML Element Name | Data Element Name |
| acquired\_brain\_injury | Client – acquired brain injury |
| country\_of\_birth | Client – country of birth |
| date\_first\_registered | Client – date first registered |
| date\_of\_birth | Client – date of birth |
| dob\_accuracy\_ind | Client – date of birth accuracy |
| child\_protection\_order\_flag | Client – Dependant child protection order flag |
| living\_with\_flag | Client – Dependant living with flag |
| vulnerable\_flag | Client – Dependant vulnerable flag |
| year\_of\_birth | Client – Dependant year of birth |
| gender\_identity | Client – gender identity |
| ihi | Client – individual health identifier |
| lgb\_flag | Client – LGB flag |
| locality\_name | Client – locality name |
| medicare\_number | Client – Medicare card number |
| mental\_health\_diagnosis | Client – mental health diagnosis |
| need\_for\_interpreter | Client – need for interpreter services |
| outlet\_client\_id | Outlet – outlet client identifier |
| postcode | Client – postcode |
| preferred\_language | Client – preferred language |
| language\_spoken\_at\_home | Client – language spoken at home |
| refugee\_status | Client – refugee status |
| sex\_at\_birth | Client – sex at birth |
| slk | Client – statistical linkage key 581 |

## Feedback for Proposal 4 - Language spoken at home (other than English)

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **AOD business impact and feasibility comments** |  |
| **Do you support this proposal to proceed for implementation?** |  |
| **Why do you support / not support this proposal?** |  |
| **Other comments** |  |

# Proposal 5 - Additional Mental Health Diagnosis Field (previously Deferred)

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **It is proposed to** | Add a new data item *Client - additional mental health diagnosis*. |
| **Proposed by** | Bendigo Health |
| **Reason for proposed change** | The option of recording an additional diagnosis field will allow for an accurate representation of the client’s medical history and use of services provided.  *5.1.15 Client* ***–*** *Mental Health Diagnosis*  Currently this data field item only allows for one mental health diagnosis. Clients can potentially have more than one mental health diagnosis. Allowing the option to have an additional diagnosis listed will improve data reporting and accuracy. If the client only has only one mental health diagnosis no further recording needs to occur. |
| **Details of change** | Amend VADC dataset to include the new data item.  Amend VADC Data Specification.  Amend the submission file structure/extract format and update the XSD.  Amend the VADC Compilation and Submission Specification.  Note that this proposal was submitted as part of the 2023-24 annual changes and proceeded for sector feedback in October 2022 – see summary of sector feedback below. However the VADC Change Management Group (CMG) in November 2022 did not recommend this proposal as an annual change for 2023-24 but to consider for future annual changes. VADC CMG is now recommending for this proposal to proceed for sector feedback again for the 2024-25 annual changes. |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Organisation  (removed for confidentiality) | Sector Feedback in 2023-24 to adding a new data item of *Client - additional mental health diagnosis*. |
| 1 | Support to Proceed.  Good that this is optional but gives ability if required to provide more information about the client’s diagnosis.  The existing limitation of only being able to report only one mental health diagnosis does a great disservice to the quality of data collection for clients accessing a mental health support service.  The ability to report an additional diagnosis will allow for a more accurate representation of the client’s diagnosis, but this should be reviewed so that we aren’t limited to only being able to report one additional mental health diagnosis field, as the ability to report more where applicable can help further demonstrate the complexity of some cases. |
| 2 - Bendigo Health | Support to Proceed (note that Bendigo Health submitted this proposal). |
| 3 | Do NOT support to proceed.  Potential burden to clinicians.  The VADC is predominantly alcohol/drug focused. The resources taken for adding and reviewing an additional diagnosis may take time/focus away from treating drug/alcohol issues of clients, which is the primary purpose of VADC clinicians.  Moderate impact – will need MasterCare to update interface. Will need to update organisation’s forms. Additional time/resources would be required. |
| 4 | Support to Proceed.  Positive business impact; feasible from organisation perspective; believe feasible from CMS provider perspective. |
| 5 | Support to Proceed |

## VADC Data Specification revisions

Section 5 Data element definitions

Client—additional mental health diagnosis—N[N]

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | | | | |
| Definition | Whether the client has been diagnosed by a mental health practitioner as having an additional mental health diagnosis in addition to their mental health diagnosis, excluding those due to psychoactive substance use | | | |
| Value domain attributes | | | | |
| Representational attributes | | | | |
| Representation class | Code | | Data type | Number |
| Format | N[N] | | Maximum character length | 2 |
| Permissible values | Value | | Meaning | |
|  | 1 | | F00-F09 Organic, including symptomatic, mental disorders | |
|  | 2 | | F20-F29 Schizophrenia, schizotypal and delusional disorders | |
|  | 3 | | F30-F39 Mood [affective] disorders | |
|  | 4 | | F40-F48 Neurotic, stress-related and somatoform disorders | |
|  | 5 | | F50-F59 Behavioural syndromes associated with physiological disturbances and physical factors | |
|  | 6 | | F60-F69 Disorders of adult personality and behaviour | |
|  | 7 | | F70-F79 Disorders of intellectual development | |
|  | 8 | | F80-F89 Disorders of psychological development | |
|  | 9 | | F90-F98 Behavioural and emotional disorders with onset usually occurring in childhood and adolescence | |
|  | 10 | | F99-F99 Unspecified mental disorder | |
| Supplementary values | ***Value*** | | ***Meaning*** | |
|  | 99 | | not stated/inadequately described | |
| Data element attributes | | | | |
| Reporting attributes | | | | |
| Reporting requirements | Optional | | | |
| Collection and usage attributes | | | | |
| Guide for use | Report as blank if there is no additional mental health diagnosis.  Reporting of additional Mental Health diagnosis is mapped to a code based on block levels within the Mental and Behavioural disorder chapter of ICD10.  Example – Treatment service receives confirmation that client has a diagnosis of “Post Traumatic Stress Disorder”. ICD10 code is “F43.1”. F43.1 falls within “F40-F48 Neurotic, stress-related and somatoform disorders” so VADC code to be reported is 4.  Note, F10-F19 Mental and behavioural disorders due to psychoactive substance use are not to be reported. | | | |
| Code 10 | Should use this code when mental health diagnosis is confirmed but specific diagnosis is unknown | | |
| Code 99 | Should use this code when unable to obtain this information, or is unknown | | |
| Source and reference attributes | | | | |
| Definition source | Department of Health | | | |
| Definition source identifier |  | | | |
| Value domain source | Based on block level structure of Chapter V Mental and Behavioural Disorders as defined within International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems 11th Revision (ICD-10)-WHO Version:2022 | | | |
| Value domain identifier | Based on <http://apps.who.int/classifications/icd10/browse/2016/en#/V> | | | |
| Relational attributes | | | | |
| Related concepts | Client | | | |
| Related data elements | Client-acquired brain injury | | | |
|  | Outcomes-K10 Score  Mental health diagnosis | | | |
| Edit/validation rules | AOD0 value not in codeset for reporting period  AOD### Mental health diagnosis reported as ‘not stated’ when Additional mental health diagnosis is reported. | | | |
| Other related information |  | | | |

Section 6 Edit/Validation Rules

Table 5.c Data Element edit/validation rules

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ID | Edit name/description | Data elements | Pseudo-code / rule | Source | Status |
| AOD### | Mental health diagnosis reported as ‘not stated’ when Additional Mental health diagnosis is reported | Client – Mental health diagnosis  Client – Additional Mental health diagnosis | Client-Mental health diagnosis = 99 and (Client-Mental health diagnosis !=null or Client-Mental health diagnosis !=99) | DH | Error |

Table 5.c Data Element edit/validation rules

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ID | Edit name/description | Data elements | Pseudo-code / rule | Source | Status |
| AOD0 | Value is not in codeset for reporting period | Applicable to codeset fields. Refer to edit/validation rules in Section 5, Data element definitions | Code != reference codeset lookup | DH | error |

## VADC Compilation and Submission Specification revisions

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<gender\_identity>2</gender\_identity>

<ihi>6532541258274532</ihi>

<lgb\_flag>2</lgb\_flag>

<locality\_name>Melbourne</locality\_name>

<medicare\_number>56325412541</medicare\_number>

<mental\_health\_diagnosis>1</mental\_health\_diagnosis>

<additional\_mental\_health\_diagnosis>1</additional\_mental\_health\_diagnosis>

<need\_for\_interpreter>9</need\_for\_interpreter>

<postcode>3015</postcode>

<preferred\_language>1201</preferred\_language>

<refugee\_status>1</refugee\_status>

<sex\_at\_birth>2</sex\_at\_birth>

<slk>AHGIJ031119802</slk>

<dependant>

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</dependant>

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</client>

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| date\_first\_registered | Client – date first registered |
| date\_of\_birth | Client – date of birth |
| dob\_accuracy\_ind | Client – date of birth accuracy |
| child\_protection\_order\_flag | Client – Dependant child protection order flag |
| living\_with\_flag | Client – Dependant living with flag |
| vulnerable\_flag | Client – Dependant vulnerable flag |
| year\_of\_birth | Client – Dependant year of birth |
| gender\_identity | Client – gender identity |
| ihi | Client – individual health identifier |
| lgb\_flag | Client – LGB flag |
| locality\_name | Client – locality name |
| medicare\_number | Client – Medicare card number |
| mental\_health\_diagnosis | Client – mental health diagnosis |
| additional\_mental\_health\_diagnosis | Client –additional mental health diagnosis |
| need\_for\_interpreter | Client – need for interpreter services |
| outlet\_client\_id | Outlet – outlet client identifier |
| postcode | Client – postcode |
| preferred\_language | Client – preferred language |
| refugee\_status | Client – refugee status |
| sex\_at\_birth | Client – sex at birth |
| slk | Client – statistical linkage key 581 |

## Feedback for Proposal 5 - Additional Mental Health Diagnosis Field

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| **AOD business impact and feasibility comments** |  |
| **Do you support this proposal to proceed for implementation?** |  |
| **Why do you support / not support this proposal?** |  |
| **Other comments** |  |

# Proposals not proceeding to feedback stage

The following proposals were decided to not proceed to the next phase of the annual change process at the VADC Change Management Group governance meeting on 26 September 2023:

* **Change merge practice to handle duplicate client records** – agreed to continue as Deferred, pending consideration of Victorian Auditor General’s Office (VAGO) audit recommendations.
* **Wholesale change to VADC submission logic** – agreed to continue as Deferred, pending consideration of Victorian Auditor General’s Office (VAGO) audit recommendations.