
TITLE : MIDWIVES' NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**DISTRIBUTION:** ALL PUBLIC HOSPITALS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

1. Purpose

The purpose of this bulletin is to outline the reporting cycle and to list the counting rules for activity data to ensure that hospitals have accurate and timely data available for calculation of activity and resource allocations.

2. Background

The data collated by the Midwives' Notification System (MNS) is in accord with statutory requirement Health Act 1911 Part X111 section 335. These data are used as an adjunct to information on the Hospital Morbidity Data System (HMDS) records for birth events.

3. Reporting Cycle

At least 80% of coded hospital information should be submitted to the Health Information Centre no later than 2 weeks after discharge.

Please note that all coded records will be subject to validation and editing before inclusion on the masterfile. Any edit data sent back to hospitals should be altered and returned to the HIC within 10 days of receipt.

(See also Technical Bulletin 9/3- Edit Protocol)

Exceptions to above schedule

There are a number of small hospitals which are visited infrequently by morbidity coders.

Currently these hospitals are:

Boyup Brook	Bruce Rock
Corrigin	Cunderdin
Dalwallinu	Dongara
Fitzroy Crossing	Goomalling
Halls Creek	Kalbarri
Kununurra	Laverton
Leonora	Meekatharra
Moora	Morawa
Mullewa	Narembeen
Newman	Nickol Bay
Northampton	North Midlands
Paraburdoo	Port Hedland
Quairading	Southern Cross
Tom Price	Wongan Hills
Wyalkatchem & Districts	Wyndham

The information from the above hospitals should be complete and on the masterfile by 8 weeks after discharge. The Health Economics & Research Unit, Purchasing Division and the Health Information Centre should be advised when it is not possible to meet the above requirements due to leave or illness.

This special arrangement will be revisited to allow for changes in the Health Services management arrangements.