



Patient Activity Data Policy

1. Purpose

The purpose of the *Patient Activity Data Policy* (the policy) is to maintain the integrity of patient activity data collected within the WA health system. Patient activity data informs and supports system performance management, health service planning, clinical governance, safety and quality, clinical research, national reporting and funding of the WA health system.

This policy is a mandatory requirement for Health Service Providers under the *Information Management Policy Framework* pursuant to section 26(2)(k) of the *Health Services Act 2016*.

This policy is also a mandatory requirement for the Department of Health pursuant to section 29 of the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*.

2. Applicability

This policy is applicable to WA health entities.

The requirements contained within this policy are applicable to the services purchased from contracted health entities where it is explicitly stated in the contract between the contracted health entity and the State of Western Australia or Health Service Provider. The State of Western Australia or Health Service Provider contract manager is responsible for ensuring that any obligation to comply with this policy by the contracted health entity is accurately reflected in the relevant contract and managed accordingly.

3. Policy Requirements

WA health entities must:

- accurately report and must comply with the:
 - Admitted Patient Activity Data Business Rules
 - Hospital Morbidity Data Collection Data Specifications
 - Hospital Morbidity Data Collection Data Dictionary
 - Elective Services Wait List Data Collection Data Specifications
 - Elective Services Wait List Data Collection Data Dictionary
 - Subacute and Non-acute Data Collection Data Specifications
 - Subacute and Non-acute Data Collection Data Dictionary
 - Emergency Department Patient Activity Data Business Rules

- Emergency Department Data Collection Data Specifications
- Emergency Department Data Collection Data Dictionary
- Community Mental Health Patient Activity Data Business Rules
- Mental Health Data Collection Data Specifications
- Mental Health Data Collection Data Dictionary
- Non-Admitted Patient Activity Data Business Rules
- Non-Admitted Data Collection Data Specifications
- Non-Admitted Data Collection Data Dictionary
- Non-Admitted Dental Data Collection Data Specifications
- implement and comply with any audit and/or assurance requirements as requested by the Information and Performance Governance Unit, on behalf of the System Manager, and within the required timeframes
- rectify any identified data anomalies within required timeframes requested by the Information and Performance Governance Unit, on behalf of the System Manager
- have local policies and procedures in place that ensure compliance with this policy
- ensure applications that feed data into the patient activity data information assets comply with the related documents in this policy
- ensure that data provided to the Information and Performance Governance Unit, on behalf of the System Manager accurately reflects information held by WA health entities.

4. Compliance Monitoring

The Information and Performance Governance Unit, on behalf of the System Manager, will monitor compliance with this policy and will carry out, and/or request compliance audits to ascertain the level of compliance with this policy to address risks as required. Audit findings will be communicated to the WA health entity, Stewards, Health Service Provider Chief Executives, the Director General and/or other relevant persons regarding the findings of compliance monitoring activities.

To facilitate compliance monitoring, WA health entities are required to provide any information and/or resources requested by the Information and Performance Governance Unit.

5. Related Documents

The following documents are mandatory pursuant to this policy:

Admitted Activity

- [Admitted Patient Activity Data Business Rules](#)
- [Hospital Morbidity Data Collection Data Specifications](#)
- [Hospital Morbidity Data Collection Data Dictionary](#)
- [Elective Services Wait List Data Collection Data Specifications](#)
- [Elective Services Wait List Data Collection Data Dictionary](#)

- [Subacute and Non-acute Data Collection Data Specifications](#)
- [Subacute and Non-acute Data Collection Data Dictionary](#)

Emergency Department Activity

- [Emergency Department Patient Activity Data Business Rules](#)
- [Emergency Department Data Collection Data Specifications](#)
- [Emergency Department Data Collection Data Dictionary](#)

Community Mental Health Activity

- [Community Mental Health Patient Activity Data Business Rules](#)
- [Mental Health Data Collection Data Specifications](#)
- [Mental Health Data Collection Data Dictionary](#)

Non-Admitted Activity

- [Non-Admitted Patient Activity Data Business Rules](#)
- [Non-Admitted Data Collection Data Specifications](#)
- [Non-Admitted Data Collection Data Dictionary](#)
- [Non-Admitted Dental Data Collection Data Specifications](#)

6. Supporting Information

The following information is not mandatory but informs and/or supports the implementation of this policy:

- [Patient Activity Data Policy Information Compendium](#)

7. Definitions

The following definition(s) are relevant to this policy.

Term	Definition
Contracted Health Entity	As per section 6 of the <i>Health Services Act 2016</i> , a non-government entity that provides health services under a contract or other agreement entered into with the Department CEO on behalf of the State, a health service provider or the Minister.
Data Collection	Refer to Information Asset.
Data Dictionary	A Data Dictionary provides detailed metadata for the data elements included in the Data Specifications, including definition, field name, format and data type and links to national standards for each data element.
Data Specifications	Data Specifications mandate the list of data elements, format and submission schedule for each data collection.
Health Service Provider	As per section 6 of the <i>Health Services Act 2016</i> , a health service provider established by an order made under

	section 32(1)(b).
Information asset	A collection of information that is recognised as having value for the purpose of enabling the WA health system to perform its clinical and business functions, which include supporting processes, information flows, reporting and analytics.
Information Management Policy Framework	The Information Management Policy Framework specifies the information management requirements that all Health Service Providers must comply with in order to ensure effective and consistent management of health, personal and business information across the WA health system.
Patient Activity Data Business Rules	Patient Activity Data Business Rules mandate the rules, scope and criteria to be used when recording health service patient activity data and reporting to the Information and Performance Governance Unit, on behalf of the System Manager.
System Manager	The term used for the Department CEO to reflect their role as being responsible for the overall management of the WA health system pursuant to section 19 of the <i>Health Services Act 2016</i> .
WA health entities	WA health entities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. health service providers as established by an order made under section 32 (1)(b) of the <i>Health Services Act 2016</i>; and ii. Department of Health as an administrative division of the State of Western Australia pursuant to section 35 of the <i>Public Sector Management Act 1994</i>.
WA health system	The WA health system is comprised of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the Department; (ii) Health Service Providers (North Metropolitan Health Service, South Metropolitan Health Service, Child and Adolescent Health Service, WA Country Health Service, East Metropolitan Health Service, PathWest Laboratory Medicine WA, Quadriplegic Centre and Health Support Services); and (iii) contracted health entities, to the extent they provide health services to the State.

8. Policy Contact

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9. Document Control

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MP 0164/21 v.2.0	1 July 2022	June 2023	Annual review and inclusion of 2022-2023 Related Documents and Supporting Information.
MP 0164/21 v.2.1	29 August 2022	June 2023	Minor amendment to Related Document – <i>Non-Admitted Patient Data Collection Data Dictionary</i> .
MP 0164/21 v.2.2	31 August 2022	June 2023	Minor amendment to Supporting Information – <i>Patient Activity Data Policy Information Compendium</i> .
MP 0164/21 v.2.3	3 February 2023	June 2023	Minor amendments – see below.
Amendment to broken link in related documents: Hospital Morbidity Data Collection Data Specifications (HMDC Data Validation Manual link-page 4) and Mental Health Data Collection Data Specifications (MIND Data Validation Manual link – page 3).			
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Annual review and inclusion of 2023-2024 related documents and supporting information.			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose section: removal of superseded mandatory policies as three years since policy in effect. • Inclusion and updated 2024-25 related documents and supporting information. 			
MP 0164/21 v 5.0	30 June 2025	June 2026	Policy review and amendments listed below.
Annual review and inclusion of 2025-2026 related documents and supporting information			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Related documents: Minor updates to Non-Admitted Data Collection Data Dictionary and Non-Admitted Data Collection Data Specifications. 			
MP 0164/21 v.5.2	11 September 2025	June 2026	Amendments as listed below.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Related documents: Minor updates to Emergency Department Data Collection Data Specifications and Emergency Department Data Collection Data Dictionary. 			
MP 0164/21 v.5.3	22 December 2025	June 2026	Amendments as listed below.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Related documents: Minor updates to Non-Admitted Patient Activity Data Business Rules and Non-Admitted Data Collection Data Specifications. 			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose section updated to define purpose and use of patient activity data. • Related documents: Update of the related documents for the specific patient activity data areas to support WA health system’s funding and service provisions for the 2026-2027 financial year. Hyperlinks updated as per Policy Frameworks governance. • Supporting information: Patient Activity Data Policy Information Compendium updated. 			

Note: Mandatory policies that exceed the scheduled review date will continue to remain in effect.

10. Approval

Approval by	Nicole O’Keefe, Deputy Director General, Strategy and Governance, Department of Health
Approval date	12 June 2021

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