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### **KEY INFORMATION**

A summary of the data collection and reporting requirements to facilitate the identification, recording and reporting of clients and relevant activity in relation to those people requesting and / or undertaking voluntary assisted dying within NSW Health service is outlined below.

Compliance with this Information Bulletin is essential to assist in identification and analysis of services provided in association with voluntary assisted dying.

Further information covering the data requirements summarised below can be found on the [NSW Health Voluntary Assisted Dying \(VAD\) Data Collection and Reporting Requirements intranet page](#).

#### ***Client Data Stream***

- Legal Status

#### ***Admitted Patient Data Stream***

- Formal Discharge Mode Code
- Clinical coding

#### ***Non-Admitted Patient and Supplementary Services Data Stream***

- Establishment Type
- Service Type

The above provisions apply to all services and activity in scope of reporting to the listed data streams.

The classification changes must be implemented into all relevant sources (capture) systems, including user interfaces and reference tables. Extracts for data submission to the relevant data streams must also be updated as required.

Local health districts and specialty health networks are responsible for ensuring their information system developers or support providers implement changes to support the revised reporting requirements.

### Clarification Advice

The System Information and Analysis Branch, NSW Ministry of Health, will provide clarification and advice to health services on the data requirements including: definitions, business rules and reporting requirements.

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<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/voluntary-assisted-dying/Pages/default.aspx>