

Appendix - External contact data upload

The Intake System can store contact data for inclusion in reports to the Department of Health and Aged Care. This upload function is an option provided for PHNs who are not using the system for intake.

Uploading

To upload, click on the **Upload contacts** menu at the top-right of the screen.

Note: this function is only available to a user account set up for uploading contacts. This is set up by a member of the NWMPHN Medicare Mental Health Support Team.

File format

The uploaded file must be a CSV file and have no spaces after a comma. It must have these column headers:

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version,intake_organisation_path,contact_key,contact_type,modality,nature_of_contact  
,outcome,contact_created_datetime
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Field formats

Field	Description/values
version	The current version of the specification. All values in this column must be: 1
intake_organisation_path	The unique identifier of the organisation providing the intake service (as per the PMHC- MDS Intake Episode specification). The purpose of this field is to record who is contacting the service either as a consumer or on behalf of a consumer.
contact_key	Optional. The unique identifier of the contact within an organisation. Together, the intake_organisation_path and the contact_key fields

form a composite primary key. If not included, a GUID will be assigned to the record. * See note below

contact_type

- 1: General Practice
- 3: Private practice
- 4: Public mental health service
- 5: Public hospital
- 6: Private hospital
- 7: Emergency Department
- 8: Community Health Centre
- 9: Drug and Alcohol Service
- 10: Community Support Organisation NFP
- 11: Indigenous Health Organisation
- 12: Child and Maternal Health
- 13: Nursing service
- 17: School
- 18: Tertiary education institution
- 19: Housing service
- 20: Centrelink
- 21: Other
- 90: Child and Family Services
- 91: Carer/Family/Friend
- 92: Justice and/or Forensic
- 93: Youth services
- 98: Self-referral
- 99: Not stated/inadequately described
- 94: Aged care facility/service
- 95: Disability support service
- 96: Medicare Mental Health Adult Mental Health Centre
- 97: Health to Health phone service
- 100: Legal service

The purpose of this field is to understand whether the contact is being made by a consumer or carer, or a healthcare professional, and the type of organisation in which the healthcare professional is based.

modality

- 1: Phone – national 1800 Medicare Mental Health number
- 2: Phone message
- 3: Walk in/face-to-face
- 4: Organisation website

- 5: Email
- 6: Medicare Mental Health national website
- 7: Phone – Other/1300 number
- 8: Fax/eFax
- 9: eReferral

The purpose of this field is to understand the mode of contact, in other words, how consumers, carers, health professionals or other referring services made the initial contact with the Intake service.

nature_of_contact

- 1: Mental health assessment
- 2: Mental health professional enquiry
- 3: Mental health service navigation
- 4: Requesting service on behalf of another
- 5: General enquiry/information
- 6: Complaint
- 7: Compliment
- 99: Other

The purpose of this field is to record the reason that contact is being made with the service.
If an IAR/assessment/referral is required, then the value of this field is defaulted to 1 (Mental health assessment).

outcome

- 1: Verbal information: contact resolved
- 2: Written information provided: contact resolved
- 3: Referred to external service
- 4: Escalation to acute service
- 5: Call directly transferred to other service
- 6: No action taken
- 7: Unable to be contacted
- 8: Not related to Medicare Mental Health intake
- 99: Converted to Client

The purpose of this field is to record the outcome of the contact.
If an IAR/assessment/referral is required, then the value of this field is defaulted to 99 (Converted to Client).

contact_created_datetime

The date/timestamp the contact record was created. Format is: YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM

Validation

The system will validate the CSV file format and the data in the file. If there are errors, the upload process skips storing the data and will redirect to an error report containing all the errors that it encountered. The screenshot below shows an example of the error report. You can filter the errors and download them.

Contact data upload errors

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⚠ The uploaded file was not imported because of these errors:

Row	Organisation Path	Contact Key	Error
2	PHN401z	f1bec1d7-0d00-4008-8423-11bc8ef8f598	The intake_organisation_path PHN401z is not valid for you...

Validation error report

Important note about contact_key

If you upload data with **contact_key** filled in, you will be able to re-upload the same data and it will simply overwrite the data when it finds an existing **contact_key** with a matching value from the uploaded data. If you don't use **contact_key** (i.e. if you leave that column blank), then it will only ever add records. This means that if you will either have to upload data month by month, or delete all the data and upload all the data again up to the current month.

View uploaded data

Go to **Reports > Uploaded contacts**.

From this screen you can filter and sort the contact data. You can also download all the data.

Delete uploaded data

You can only delete rows that are selected.

You can select individual rows by clicking somewhere in the row, or select all records by clicking the topmost tickbox in the left-hand column.

Once a row is selected, the **Delete selected** button will appear at the top right (next to the **Download** button).

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