

Social impact investment Health data for proponents

Health Data

The main public sources of NSW health data are IHPA, which provides mostly costing data; NSW Health, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, the Productivity Commission's *Report on Government Services*, and state and Commonwealth home and community care sources.

1. **IHPA – [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#)**: determines the National Efficient Price (NEP) for public hospital services, allowing for the national introduction of activity based funding (ABF). Some potentially useful sources are listed below.



- [National Hospital Cost Data Collection](#) - provides some aggregate data around costings
- [National Efficient Price Determination](#) - provides information about what the NEP/NWAU (National Weighted Activity Unit) is for 2015-16

- [National Pricing Model Technical Specifications 2015-16](#) describes how IHPA develops the national pricing model each year to determine the NEP. It provides the technical specifications for Activity Based Funding (ABF) models for each service stream to be funded (i.e. for acute admitted, subacute and non-acute, emergency, non-admitted care and mental health), and how the National Efficient Cost (NEC) is determined and applied for block funded hospitals.
- [Mental health care](#): IHPA is progressing the development of a new classification for mental health, the Australian Mental Health Care classification – ie there is no classification as yet. The new classification is intended to improve the clinical meaningfulness of the way that mental health care services can be classified.
- Other information on costing and pricing is available at IHPA’s [Publications](#) page.

2. NSW Health data

- [Publicly available data](#) is viewable at HealthStats NSW by indicator. Indicators include some mental health issues (eg suicide, distress) and some chronic conditions.
- [Other data is available from BHI](#) – eg hospital admissions by acute/non-acute. See also the [Insights Series](#), which provides information about patient care and identifying opportunities to improve healthcare management in NSW public hospitals.
- Some relevant mental health data is available at the [Evaluation of the Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative \(HASI\) Final Report](#), which evaluates the NSW HASI initiative, which provides adults with a mental health diagnosis with access to stable housing, clinical mental health services and accommodation support.
- The [evaluation of the Chronic Disease Management Program](#) contains information on the impact, equity and costs of the CDMP.
- The Brian Tutt Library and Knowledge Services has done a [literature review of the risk of hospitalisation](#).
- The [Patient Identification and Selection Handbook](#) provides practical and evidence-based guidance to health services establishing or expanding their risk stratification approaches to patient identification and selection.
- [Risk Stratification: A discussion paper for NSW Health’s approach to Risk Stratification](#) contains insights into appropriate timing of intervention to avoid progression of illness.

3. Other Australian health data

- The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has also published extensively on [chronic disease](#) and [mental health](#), including [hospital datacubes](#) and [mental health datacubes](#).
- The [Report on Government Services 2015](#) Volume E, particularly chapters 10, 11 and 12, contains data on primary and community care, hospital care and mental health care, including of chronic conditions.
- Data on Home and Community Care Services in relation to health can be found at a number of sources, including [The 45 and Up Study: Exploring the health of Home and Community Care clients in New South Wales](#) and [Annual HACC bulletins from DSS](#).
- The National Health Performance Authority has a [range of reports](#).