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| Triage Minimum Data Set (TMDS) |
| Triage MDS Bulletin 57 - Changes to TMDS |
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## Background

The Mental Health Triage Minimum Data Set (TMDS) includes all presentations accessing a mental health triage function where a triage scale has been assigned within the reporting period. Consistent with PMC (Program Management Circular) *Registration of mental health consumers*, all consumers receiving a face-to-face mental health assessment with a Mental Health Triage clinician should be registered on CMI/ODS.

The Victorian Government committed to establishing Local Adult and Older Adult Mental Health and Wellbeing Services across Victoria. The service stream, now known as Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals, can refer consumers to an Area Mental Health & Wellbeing Service for assessment, treatment and care. To capture these referrals, Mental Health & Wellbeing Locals have been added as options in the Screening Register.

Urgent Care Centres were opened to ease demand on emergency departments and are a key entry point into the Victorian health care system. These centres are staffed by highly skilled nurse practitioners, registered nurses and other clinical staff. After initial assessment it may be necessary to transfer the consumer to a higher level of care at a larger health service or a specialist service.

## TMDS Data Reporting impact

To enable accurate data capture of where a service is provided or which services are referring consumers to Triage, new options have been added to the Screening Register as below:

* Service Recipient (new):
  + Mental Health & Wellbeing Local,
  + Urgent Care Centre
* Service Location (new):
  + Mental Health & Wellbeing Local,
  + Urgent Care Centre
* Screening Register outcome (new):
  + Mental Health & Wellbeing Local

## Action required

AMHS who do not use the Screening Register in CMI will need to liaise with their vendor to arrange the necessary amendments to include the new options.

A new TMDS data specification will be available soon.

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