

# Commonly requested data items

National Hospital Cost  
Data Collection (NHDC)

Research Project Title \_\_\_\_\_

## Costing information for public hospitals<sup>1</sup>

Available for admitted inpatient, Emergency and non-admitted outpatient data from 2009/10 onwards

\*\* Available NHDC records that only match to patient event records in above data collections to be supplied

Data item	Comments	Required
Financial year	Fiscal or financial year <sup>1</sup>	
Facility ID	Public facilities will be reported with a facility ID (no private facilities available)	
Direct cost	Total actual direct costs from direct departments for the health service event. <sup>2</sup>	
Overhead cost	Total actual overhead costs from indirect departments for the health service event.	
Total costs	Direct plus overhead costs	

*Note: Linkage variables will be identified by the Data Custodian and agreed with the Linkage team.*

Please tick the data set/s that you would like costing information for:

Admitted (QHAPDC)

Emergency (EDC)

Non-Admitted (QHNAPDC)

The above summary costs data is available for hospital admissions (QHAPDC), non-admitted patient data (QHNAPDC) and emergency department presentations (EDC) following approval from the NHDC Data Custodian. The contact details for the NHDC Data Custodian is [HHSFCU@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:HHSFCU@health.qld.gov.au) (also listed under Casemix in the [Queensland Department of Health and HHS Data Custodians](#)).

More detailed costing data such as at aggregated NHDC cost buckets are available upon application with sufficient justification but these data elements are only available directly from the NHDC Data Custodian. Depending on available staff resources and NHDC data availability for the latest completed financial year, it should be noted that the detailed costing data may be delayed and not supplied with the remainder of the linked data. Note the annual NHDC collection for each financial year is generally available in the early months of the following calendar year (around March).

For more details about the data and principles behind the NHDC see <https://www.ihpa.gov.au/what-we-do/nhcdc>.

<sup>1</sup> Not all facilities commenced costing in the same year.

<sup>2</sup> Individual Patient event costs are not available at all facilities