

# Child protection and youth justice linked data collection: progress report 2

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## Background

The aim of this project is to develop a linked data set that can be used to report on the relationships between child protection and youth justice. This project builds on previous projects linking child protection, SAAP and youth justice data (AIHW 2008, 2012a, 2012b). Outcomes will include the identification of key questions, a method to link these collections on an annual basis and the development of standard analysis to answer the key questions.

## Progress

### Identify and pilot any additional data items required for successful linkage

Following review of the earlier linkage project, states and territories were surveyed to identify the availability of additional data items to assist the linkage. The results of this survey were discussed at the April 2014 JJ RIG meeting and jurisdictions were asked if they were able to supply pilot data by 30 May 2014. New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland indicated they would be able to supply pilot data for some or all of the data items.

The data items are:

- date accuracy indicator
- letters of aliases
- preferred language
- main language other than English spoken at home
- involvement in the child protection system.

### Funding for 2014–15

At its 20 March meeting, SCCDSAC confirmed that the second and final amount of funding for this project would be available.

### Develop a method to link the data collections on an annual basis

Work on developing a method to link the data collections has begun. The method will be based on that used in the previous linkage project with modifications to meet the specifications of the new Child Protection NMDS and to allow for linkage to occur on an annual basis between the two collections. In addition, the suitability of any additional data items will be assessed using the pilot data provided by states and territories.

This activity is on track for completion in September 2014.

# Milestones

Activity/milestone	Expected completion	Status	Completion date	Notes
Establish reference group and confirm scope	October 2013	Completed	September 2013	
Review previous linkage project and identify and pilot additional data items required for successful linkage	January 2014	Completed	April 2014	Additional data items identified and information provided by jurisdictions. Piloting requires further discussion at the RIG.
Apply for SCCDSAC 2014–15 funding	June 2014	Completed	March 2014	Funding confirmed.
Develop a method to link the data collections on an annual basis	September 2014	In progress		
<i>Identify key questions to be answered by a linked data set in consultation with the reference group</i>	<i>January 2015</i>			
<i>Develop standard analysis and reporting on the linked data set</i>	<i>May 2015</i>			
<i>Final report to project control group, AJJA and SCCDSAC</i>	<i>September 2015</i>			

# References

AIHW 2008. Linking SAAP, child protection and juvenile justice data collections: a feasibility study. Data linkage series no. 5. Cat. no. CSI 5. Canberra: AIHW.

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AIHW 2012b. Linking SAAP, child protection and juvenile justice data: technical report. Data linkage series no. 14. Cat. no. CSI 14. Canberra: AIHW.