

AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS ACT 1975: subsection 6(3)**NATIONAL CENTRE FOR HEALTHY AGEING, BAYSIDE HEALTH'S ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS DATA**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to collect personal information extracted from electronic health records of Bayside Health. The data provides demographic, clinical and social information about people who have engaged with public health care services at Bayside Health. The data is collected by Bayside Health in the administration of patient care and has been curated by the National Centre for Healthy Ageing (NCHA). The data will help with health and social science research and statistical analysis.

The information collected covers reference periods from 2010 to the current extraction date. The data will be provided to the ABS by the NCHA on behalf of Bayside Health using a secure file transfer. Future reference periods will be arranged following the successful completion of this collection, and its integration with the Person Level Integrated Data Asset (PLIDA).

The research specific subset of information will be collected on a range of characteristics including:

- basic demographic information;
- clinical and social information related to hospital admission, emergency presentations and outpatient and community health attendances; and
- pathology, radiology and medication information.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available from 2027 onwards. The principal users of the information are authorised researchers working on approved projects accessing PLIDA.

PLIDA combines data on healthcare, education, government payments, income and taxation, employment, and population demographics. PLIDA provides whole-of life insights that can improve the lives of all Australians, facilitating the use and re-use of public data for research purposes.

Linking data from Bayside Health's electronic health records system with PLIDA will enhance research and statistical analysis into the social determinants of health. It aims to improve understanding of the services and policies that promote population health and health equity outcomes.

The principal users of the linked data will be sophisticated researchers accessing PLIDA in the ABS DataLab. These include State and Federal Government agencies, university researchers, and public policy organisations.

Consistent with the Government's Regulator Performance Framework, this administrative data collection avoids potential costs and reporting burden by reusing available data.

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