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| Proposal for revision to the Victorian Perinatal Data Collection (VPDC) for 2026-27 |
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The Victorian Perinatal Data Collection (VPDC) is being reviewed to ensure it will continue to meet national and other reporting requirements for the 2026-27 financial year.

**Proposed changes must be essential to meet national reporting obligations or key government priorities for 2026-27** and submitted by completing and emailing this template to the HDSS HelpDesk <hdss.helpdesk@health.vic.gov.au> by 5pm on **Friday 22 August 2025**.

Proposals for change to the VPDC will be considered by the Consultative Council on Obstetric and Paediatric Mortality and Morbidity (CCOPMM). Proposers will be notified of the outcome in due course.

Title of proposal

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Nature of proposal

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| Addition/deletion of a data item |[ ]
| Change to a current data item including addition/deletion of a code to a code set |[ ]
| Addition/deletion/change of a validation rule |[ ]
| Extension of reporting scope (such as new form, program, patient group, care type) |[ ]
| Other: (please specify) |[ ]

**External proposer details**

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| **Name**  |   |
| **Job title**  |   |
| **Organisation**  |   |
| **Email address**  |   |
| **Phone**  |   |
| **Approver details**  | Approval required by proposer’s Head of Department  |
| **Name and job title**  |   |
| **Date of approval**  |   |
| **Date of submission** |  |

**Department of Health/Safer Care Victoria proposer details**

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| **Name**  |   |
| **Job title**  |   |
| **Unit, Branch and Division**  |   |
| **Email address**  |   |
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| **Date of approval**  |   |
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**What is the criteria for the proposed change?**

| Essential to meet national reporting obligations  |[ ]
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| Key government priority |[ ]
| Please provide supporting documentation explaining how this proposal meets one or both criteria. |

What is the proposed change? Specify the following details of the change proposed

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| **Data item title** | *Title of existing data item to be changed/deleted or proposed new data item* |
| **Definition** | *A concise statement that expresses the essential nature of the data item and its differentiation from other data items**(Required for proposed new data items, and for proposed change to the definition or scope of an existing data item)* |
| **Code set**  | *Proposed code set, including code definitions**(Required for proposed new data items, and for proposed change to code set for an existing data item)* |
| **Reporting guide** | *Additional advice for health services about how to submit the proposed data item and its code set, including whether reporting of the data item, or selected codes, is mandatory, and the impact of a proposed change to an existing data item* *(Required for proposed new data items, and for proposed change to code set or reporting guidance for existing data items)* |
| **Validations/ Business rules** | *Provide details of any validations or business rules that apply for the proposed change**(Required for new items, changed items as necessary)* |

**How will the proposed data be used, and by whom?**

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**Who has this proposed change been discussed with? What feedback did stakeholders provide?**

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| Internal (Department of Health/Safer Care Victoria) stakeholders consulted |
| External (health services, software vendors, organisations) consulted |

**How will the proposed change impact health services?**

| Is the data already collected by health services?  |
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| What additional training of health service staff will be required? |
| What software system modifications will be required to capture and submit this data? |

**Evaluation criteria**

Each proposed change to a data collection is assessed against the following evaluation criteria. In the ‘Proposer’s Comment’ column, please explain how this proposal addresses each criterion.

| **Category** | **Considerations** | **Proposer’s Comment** |
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| Scope | The change should be within the scope of the VPDC data collection. |  |
| Collectability  | The data should already be collected by the service. There should be value for the health service in collecting the data. Collection of the data should align with normal business processes in the health service.  It should be legal for the health service to collect the data.  |  |

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| Intended Use  | Sufficient business justification must be submitted in the proposal. The change must be consistent with Departmental policy. There should not be a limited time-period for use of the data. If there is, other avenues of collection should be investigated to ensure this is the most appropriate.  |  |
| Best Practice  | The collection of the data should comply with relevant standards and policies.  |  |
| Implementation  | The proposal must be clearly specified to enable implementation. It should be technically possible for health services and the Department of Health to implement without significant issues.  |  |
| Data Quality  | There should be a person, unit or organisation identified to monitor data quality. There should be minimal transformation of data required by health services to meet data submission requirements. Submission of the data should be mandatory for a specified cohort.  |  |
| Consequential impact  | The impact on other data already collected or proposed to collect must be articulated. There should be no adverse effect on the reputation or integrity of the VPDC data collection. Any dependencies on other projects or plans must be identified. The impact on time-series data must be quantified. The impact on reports, extracts or automated processes must be quantified.  |  |
| Cost and collection burden  | All options for the collection of this data should be assessed and the most appropriate method of collection selected.  |  |

Thank you for your interest in the ongoing enhancement of the Victorian Perinatal Data Collection.

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