Full description, including study coverage dates, for linked administrative data sources used in the Transforming Australia's Ability to Prevent Suicide (TAAPS) Project..

Database Name	Custodian	Linkage Authority	Description	Study Coverage Dates	Summary of Available Variables
Alcohol and Drug Information System (ADIS)	Victorian Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).	Centre for Victorian Data Linkage (CVDL).	Captures data on services by providers funded by the Victorian Government, including AOD treatment services, drink driver assessments and education, and Local Drug Strategy Primary Health Services.	01/01/2012 – 30/06/2018 (replaced by VADC).	Patient demographics (age, sex, postcode), treatment episodes (start/end dates, service type), primary substance of concern, treatment modality, and service provider details.
Community Health Minimum Dataset (CHMDS)	Victorian Department of Health (DoH).	CVDL.	Captures data on care provided by community health services, including episodes of allied health, nursing, counselling, and health promotion services.	01/01/2012 – 31/12/2019.	Patient demographics, type of service provided (e.g., allied health, nursing, counselling), service location, episode start/end dates, and number of contacts.
Medicare Benefits Scheme (MBS)	Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care.	AIHW.	Captures data on services subsidised by the Australian Government, including those provided by general practitioners, specialists, and other registered practitioners, including itemised claims for consultations, diagnostics, and procedures.	01/01/2012 – 31/12/2019.	Patient demographics, service item number, service date, provider type, location, and fee/subsidy amounts.
Mental Health Community Support Services (MHCSS)	DoH.	CVDL.	Captures data on non-clinical psychosocial and community-based support services provided to people with mental illness, including residential rehabilitation, day programs, and client recovery support packages.	01/01/2012 – 31/12/2019.	Patient demographics, service type (residential, day program, individual support), referral source, episode dates, and service intensity.
National Deaths Index (NDI)	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).	AIHW.	Captures data on deaths recorded in Australia.	01/01/2012 – 31/12/2020.	Patient demographics, date of birth, date of death, state of death registration, and coded cause of death.
Operational Data Store (ODS)	DoH.	CVDL.	Captures data on specialist mental health services focussed on assessment and management of persons with a mental health condition.	01/01/2012 – 31/12/2019.	Patient demographics, service encounters, hospital admissions, and clinical status, including diagnosis.
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS)	Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care.	AIHW.	Contains data on prescriptions subsidised by the Australian Government and dispensed under the national PBS program.	01/01/2012 – 31/12/2019.	Patient demographics, medication code, prescription date, supply date, quantity dispensed, prescriber type, and pharmacy location.
Self-Harm Monitoring System for Victoria	Orygen.	CVDL.	Contains data on episodes of emergency department-presenting self-harm across several hospitals in Victoria.	01/01/2012 – 31/12/2019.	Patient demographics, date/time of presentation, arrival mode, triage category, method of self-harm, services provided in the emergency department, clinical disposition and location, substances co-involved (alcohol, illicit drugs, and prescription medications).
Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset (VAED)	DoH.	CVDL.	Captures data on all hospital admissions to Victorian public hospitals.	01/01/2012 – 31/12/2019.	Patient demographics, admission/discharge dates, diagnoses (ICD codes), procedures performed, admission type (emergency/elective), hospital code, and discharge outcome.
Victorian Alcohol and Drug Collection (VADC)	DHHS.	CVDL.	Captures data on treatment episodes for publicly funded alcohol and drug treatment services.	01/07/2018 – 31/12/2019.	Patient demographics (age, sex, postcode), treatment episodes (start/end dates, service type), primary substance of concern, treatment modality, and service provider details.
Victorian Cause of Death Unit Record File (CODURF)	Victorian Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages.	CVDL.	Contains detailed cause-of-death information for all deaths recorded in the VDI, coded according to the International Classification of Disease, version 10 (ICD-10).	01/01/2012 – 31/12/2020.	Patient demographics, date of death, place of death, cause-of-death codes (ICD-10), and death registration details.
Victorian Deaths Index (VDI)	Victorian Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages.	CVDL.	Captures data on all deaths recorded in Victoria.	01/01/2012 – 31/12/2020.	Patient demographics, date of birth, date of death.
Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset (VEMD)	DoH.	CVDL.	Captures data on presentations to Victorian public hospital emergency departments.	01/01/2012 – 31/12/2019.	Patient demographics, date/time of presentation, presenting problem, diagnosis codes, arrival mode, triage category, discharge destination, and hospital code.
Victorian Integrated Non-Admitted Health (VINAH)	DoH.	CVDL.	Captures data on non-admitted (outpatient and community-based) public health service contacts, including ambulatory care, mental health, and rehabilitation services.	01/01/2012 – 31/12/2019.	Patient demographics, service type, service date, provider information, episode start/end, and service setting (ambulatory, community, mental health, or rehabilitation).