Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Level of psychiatric symptom severity (HoNOS 65+ score) |
| METEOR identifier: | 449363 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 28/02/2017  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 12/11/2015  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 19/01/2018 |
| Definition: | An assessment of the severity of a person's psychiatric symptoms, as represented by a HoNOS 65+ score-based code. |
| Context: | Psychiatric symptom severity, persons aged 65 years and over. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/539187) |
| Value Domain: | [Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/449356) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 0 | No problems within the period stated |
|  | 1 | Minor problem requiring no action |
|  | 2 | Mild problem but definitely present |
|  | 3 | Moderately severe problem |
|  | 4 | Severe to very severe problem |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | The Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for elderly people (HoNOS65+) is used to rate adult mental health service users. Together, the scales rate various aspects of mental and social health.  HoNOS65+ is answered on an item-specific anchored 4-point scale with higher scores indicating more problems. Each scale is assigned a value of between 0 and 4. The twelve scales are as follows:   * Behavioural disturbance * Non-accidental self injury * Problem drinking or drug use * Cognitive problems * Problems related to physical illness or disability * Problems associated with hallucinations and delusions * Problems associated with depressive symptoms * Other mental and behavioural problems * Problems with social or supportive relationships * Problems with activities of daily living * Overall problems with living conditions * Problems with work and leisure activities and the quality of the daytime environment   The sum of the individual scores of each of the scales represents the total HoNOS65+ score. The total HoNOS65+ score ranges from 0 to 48, and represents the overall severity of an individual's psychiatric symptoms. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Independent Hospital Pricing Authority |

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| Reference documents: | Health of the Nation Outcome Scales (HoNOS), Royal College of Psychiatrists 1996. Viewed 17 October 2013,  <http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/training/honos/whatishonos.aspx> |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/640065)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/01/2018  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Recorded 04/08/2016  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 19/01/2018  See also [Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale score code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/575166)  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 15/10/2014 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Activity based funding: Mental health care DSS 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/613880)  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Superseded 28/02/2017  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2016 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2017 ***Conditional obligation:***  Reporting of the HoNOS 65+ at the start of the mental health phase of care is mandatory for patients in all settings.  Reporting of the HoNOS 65+ is not mandatory if mental health phase of care is reported as Assessment Only.  The HoNOS 65+ should only be reported for patients aged 65 years and over.  [Admitted patient mental health care cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/575027)  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 15/10/2014  ***Conditional obligation:***  Reporting of the HoNOS65+ at admission and separation is mandatory for admitted patients in psychiatric hospitals or designated psychiatric units in acute hospitals. Reporting is optional for admitted patients in non-designated hospitals or units.  The HoNOS65+ should only be reported for patients aged 65 years and over.  The HoNOS65+ discharge rating is not required if the episode of admitted care had a length of stay of 3 days or less.  [Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care DSS 2014-15](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/556874)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/11/2014  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2014 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2015 ***Conditional obligation:***  Only the HoNOS65+ scores at admission are required to be reported.  Only required to be reported for episodes of admitted patient care with [Hospital service—care type, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/491557) recorded as Code 5, Psychogeriatric care.  Only required to be reported when the [Episode of admitted patient care—clinical assessment only indicator, yes/no code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/550492) value is recorded as Code 2, No.  [Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care DSS 2015-16](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/588098)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 19/11/2015  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2015 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2016 ***Conditional obligation:***  Only the HoNOS65+ scores at admission are required to be reported.  Only required to be reported for episodes of admitted patient care with [Hospital service—care type, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/584408) recorded as Code 5, Psychogeriatric care.  [Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/611617)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 03/11/2016  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2016 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2017 ***Conditional obligation:***  Only the HoNOS65+ scores at admission are required to be reported.  Only required to be reported for episodes of admitted patient care with [Hospital service—care type, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/584408) recorded as Code 5, Psychogeriatric care.  [Ambulatory patient mental health care cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/575033)  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 15/10/2014  ***Conditional obligation:***  For the purposes of this DSS, an ambulatory episode is defined as a period of continuous contact between a consumer and a mental health service within an ambulatory service setting. This is consistent with the definition in the National Outcomes and Casemix Collection.  Reporting of the HoNOS65+ is mandatory for the first and last service contacts of an ambulatory mental health care episode provided by a specialised mental health service. Reporting is optional for service contacts provided by specialised mental health services from non-government organisations that receive state or territory government funding. Reporting is optional for service events provided by non-specialised mental health services.  The HoNOS65+ should only be reported for patients aged 65 years and over.  The HoNOS65+ discharge rating is not required if the episode of ambulatory care had a length of stay of 3 days or less.  ***DSS specific information:***  The HoNOS65+ for the first service contact may be derived from the HoNOS65+ admission rating submitted for the patient's ambulatory care episode as part of the National Outcomes and Casemix Collection reporting requirements.  The HoNOS65+ for the last service contact may be derived from the HoNOS65+ discharge rating submitted for the patient's ambulatory care episode as part of the National Outcomes and Casemix Collection reporting requirements.  [Residential patient mental health care cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/575036)  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 15/10/2014  ***Conditional obligation:***  Reporting of HoNOS65+ at admission and separation is mandatory for residential mental health care services that are included in the General list of in-scope public hospital services, which have been developed under the National Health Reform Agreement (2011). Reporting is optional for episodes of residential mental health care provided by government-funded, non-government operated services.  The HoNOS65+ should only be reported for patients aged 65 years and over.  [Tasmanian Subacute/Non-acute Data Set - 2016](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/664907)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 18/01/2018  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2016 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2017  [Tasmanian Subacute/Non-acute Data Set - 2017](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/690557)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 18/01/2018  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2017 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2018  [Tasmanian Subacute/Non-acute Data Set - 2018](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/690564)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 06/05/2020  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2018 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2019  [Tasmanian Subacute/Non-acute Data Set - 2019](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/715184)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 06/05/2020  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2019  ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2020 |
| Implementation in Indicators: | **Used as Numerator** [KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 01J – Change in consumer's clinical outcomes, 2015](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/584821)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 11/05/2016  [KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 01J – Change in consumer's clinical outcomes, 2016](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/630358)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/06/2017 |