

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

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Level of psychiatric symptom severity (HoNOS 65+ score)
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	449363
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 28/02/2017</li><li>• <a href="#">Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</a>, Standard 12/11/2015</li><li>• <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a>, Superseded 19/01/2018</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	An assessment of the severity of a person's psychiatric symptoms, as represented by a HoNOS 65+ score-based code.
<b>Context:</b>	Psychiatric symptom severity, persons aged 65 years and over.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code												
<b>Data type:</b>	Number												
<b>Format:</b>	N												
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1												
<b>Permissible values:</b>	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>0</td><td>No problems within the period stated</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Minor problem requiring no action</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Mild problem but definitely present</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Moderately severe problem</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Severe to very severe problem</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	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.

## 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](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Candidate 04/08/2016
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 19/01/2018

See also [Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale score code N](#)

- [Health](#), Not progressed 18/01/2017
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 15/10/2014

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Activity based funding: Mental health care DSS 2016-17](#)[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), 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/Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, 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 2014-15Health, 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\[N\]](#) 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](#) value is recorded as Code 2, No.

[Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care DSS 2015-16Health, 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\[N\]](#) recorded as Code 5, Psychogeriatric care.

[Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2016-17Health](#),  
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\[N\]](#) recorded as Code 5, Psychogeriatric care.

[Ambulatory patient mental health care clusterIndependent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), 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 clusterIndependent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), 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 Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 18/01/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2016

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

[Tasmanian Subacute/Non-acute Data Set - 2017 Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 18/01/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2017

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[Tasmanian Subacute/Non-acute Data Set - 2018 Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 06/05/2020

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2018

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2019

[Tasmanian Subacute/Non-acute Data Set - 2019 Tasmanian Health](#), 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, 2015Health](#), Standard 19/11/2015

[KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 01J – Change in consumer's clinical outcomes, 2016Health](#), Superseded 14/06/2017