

# Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for Children and Adolescents score code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Level of psychiatric symptom severity (HoNOSCA score)
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	676223
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 17/01/2020</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	An assessment of the severity of a person's psychiatric symptoms, as represented by a Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for Children and Adolescents (HoNOSCA) score-based code.
<b>Context:</b>	Psychiatric symptom severity, persons aged 17 years and under.
<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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**Supplementary values:****Value Meaning**

8 Unknown

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

CODE 8 Unknown

This code should be used for HoNOSCA values that are missing or recorded in the HoNOSCA tool as '9 - Unknown'.

The Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for children and adolescents (HoNOSCA) is used to rate child and adolescent mental health service users. Together, the scales rate various aspects of mental and social health.

HoNOSCA is answered on an item-specific anchored 5-point scale with higher scores indicating more problems. Each scale is assigned a value of between 0 and 4, or 8 for unknown. The fifteen scales are as follows:

- Disruptive, antisocial or aggressive behaviour
- Overactivity attention and concentration
- Non-accidental self injury
- Alcohol, substance/solvent misuse
- Scholastic or language skills
- Physical illness or disability problems
- Hallucinations and delusions
- Non-organic somatic symptoms
- Emotional and related symptoms
- Peer relationships
- Self care and independence
- Family life and relationships
- Poor school attendance
- Lack of knowledge - nature of difficulties
- Lack of information - services/management.

The sum of the individual scores of each of the scales (excluding supplementary value 8 Unknown) from 1 to 15 represents the total HoNOSCA score. The total HoNOSCA score represents the overall severity of an individual's psychiatric symptoms.

## Source and reference attributes

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**Reference documents:** Royal College of Psychiatrists 2017. Health of the Nation Outcome Scales (HoNOS). Viewed 18 January 2017, <http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/training/honos/whatishonos.aspx>

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for Children and Adolescents score code N](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

Has been superseded by [Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for Children and Adolescents score code N](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 19/02/2021

See also [Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 18/12/2019
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 06/05/2020

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- [Health](#), Superseded 17/01/2020

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2018-19 Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

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