

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

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Level of psychiatric symptom severity (HoNOS 65+ score)
METEOR identifier:	717760
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Superseded 23/12/2020• Tasmanian Health, Standard 06/05/2020
Definition:	An assessment of the severity of a person's psychiatric symptoms, as represented by a Health of the Nation Outcome Scale (HoNOS) 65+ score-based code.
Context:	Psychiatric symptom severity, persons aged 65 and over.
Data Element Concept:	Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code												
Data type:	Number												
Format:	N												
Maximum character length:	1												
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Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: CODE 8 Unknown

This code should be used for Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for elderly people (HoNOS 65+) values that are missing or recorded in the HoNOS 65+ tool as '7 - Not stated/missing' or '9 - Unknown'.

The HoNOS 65+ is used to rate adult mental health service users. Together, the scales rate various aspects of mental and social health.

HoNOS 65+ 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 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 (excluding code 8 'Unknown') represents the total HoNOS 65+ score. The total HoNOS 65+ 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

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: This data element is used to report a score for one of the 12 items that comprise the HoNOS 65+ tool. It should be reported in an array of 12 to gain the HoNOS 65+ score.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

Reference documents: Royal College of Psychiatrists 2019. Health of the Nation Outcomes Scales (HoNOS). Viewed 5 September 2019, <https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/events/in-house-training/health-of-nation-outcome-scales>

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](#), Standard 23/12/2020

Supersedes [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

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

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

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

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2020–21Health](#), Superseded 23/12/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

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 subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2020–21Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

Conditional obligation:

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.

DSS specific information:

Only the [Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+](#) scores at admission are required to be reported.

[Tasmanian Subacute/Non-acute Data Set - 2020 Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 15/06/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

Conditional obligation:

Required when the Care Type is Psychogeriatric care