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

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

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| **Metadata item type:** | Data Element |
| **Short name:** | Level of psychiatric symptom severity (HoNOS score) |
| **METEOR identifier:** | 717795 |
| **Registration status:** | Health, Superseded 09/12/2022 |
| **Definition:** | An assessment of the severity of a person's psychiatric symptoms, as represented by a Health of the Nation Outcome Scale (HoNOS) score-based code. |
| **Context:** | Psychiatric symptom severity, persons aged 18 to 64 years. |
| **Data Element Concept:** | Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity |
| **Value Domain:** | Health of the Nation Outcome Scale score code N |

# Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

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| **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 |
| **Supplementary values:** | 8 | Unknown |

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** CODE 8 Unknown

This code should be used for HoNOS values that are missing or recorded in the HoNOS tool as '7 - Not stated/missing' and '9 - Unknown'.

The Health of the Nation Outcome Scale (HoNOS) is used to rate adult mental health service users. Together, the scales rate various aspects of mental and social health.

HoNOS 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 supplementary value 8 Unknown) represents the total HoNOS score. The total HoNOS 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:** Royal College of Psychiatrists 2019. Health of the Nation Outcome 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:**

Supersedes Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale score code N
Health, Superseded 17/01/2020

Has been superseded by Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale score code N
Health, Standard 09/12/2022

See also Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N
Health, Superseded 23/12/2020
Tasmanian Health, Superseded 28/03/2023

See also Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N
Health, Superseded 20/12/2022
Tasmanian Health, Superseded 23/11/2023

See also Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for Children and Adolescents score code N
Health, Superseded 09/12/2022

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Reporting of the HoNOS at the start of the mental health phase of care is mandatory for patients in all settings.

Reporting of the HoNOS is not mandatory if mental health phase of care is reported as Assessment Only.

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