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# Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+

# Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Glossary Item

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**Definition:** An assessment of psychiatric symptoms and psychosocial functioning in an older

patient.

Context: Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ (HoNOS 65+) is a clinical assessment

tool used by mental health professionals to evaluate psychiatric symptoms and

psychosocial functioning in an older patient.

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** HoNOS 65+ is designed to be used by clinicians before and after interventions, so

that changes attributable to interventions can be measured.

**Comments:** Twelve scales are used to rate older mental health service users. The scales

include:

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 day time environment

Together, the scales rate various aspects of mental and social health, each on a scale of 0 to 4.

- 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

A HoNOS 65+ total score (the sum of each individual scale item) will be a value between 0 and 48.

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

Origin: Health of the Nation Outcome Scales (HoNOS) © Royal College of Psychiatrists

1996.

Reference documents: The Royal College of Psychiatrists 2019. HoNOS 65+ (Older Adults). The Royal

College of Psychiatrists, London. Viewed 14

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#### Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

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Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale

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