

# Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Glossary Item
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	HoNOS65+
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	730842
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 23/12/2020</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	An assessment of psychiatric symptoms and psychosocial functioning in an older patient.
<b>Context:</b>	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

<b>Guide for use:</b>	HoNOS 65+ is designed to be used by clinicians before and after interventions, so that changes attributable to interventions can be measured.
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>Twelve scales are used to rate older mental health service users. The scales include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Behavioural disturbance</li><li>• Non-accidental self injury</li><li>• Problem drinking or drug use</li><li>• Cognitive problems</li><li>• Problems related to physical illness or disability</li><li>• Problems associated with hallucinations and delusions</li><li>• Problems associated with depressive symptoms</li><li>• Other mental and behavioural problems</li><li>• Problems with social or supportive relationships</li><li>• Problems with activities of daily living</li><li>• Overall problems with living conditions</li><li>• Problems with work and leisure activities and the quality of the day time environment</li></ul>

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

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Independent Hospital Pricing Authority
<b>Origin:</b>	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 July 2020, <https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/events/in-house-training/health-of-nation-outcome-scales>

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 23/12/2020

**Metadata items which use this glossary item:** [Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2021–22](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2022–23](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

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

- [Health](#), Standard 23/12/2020