

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

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Level of psychiatric symptom severity (HoNOS 65+ score)
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	730844
<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 the severity of a person's psychiatric symptoms, as represented by a <a href="#">Health of the Nation Outcome Scale (HoNOS) 65+</a> score-based code.
<b>Context:</b>	Psychiatric symptom severity, persons aged 65 and over.

## Data element concept attributes

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<b>Data element concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	539187
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 11/04/2014</li><li>• <a href="#">Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</a>, Standard 15/10/2014</li><li>• <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a>, Standard 20/12/2016</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	An assessment of the severity of a person's psychiatric symptoms.
<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Person</a>
<b>Property:</b>	<a href="#">Level of psychiatric symptom severity</a>

## Value domain attributes

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<b>Value domain:</b>	<a href="#">Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	717764

- Registration status:**
- [Health](#), Standard 18/12/2019
  - [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 06/05/2020

**Definition:** A code set representing the severity of psychiatric symptoms of an individual aged 65 and over.

## Representational attributes

**Representation class:** Code

**Data type:** Number

**Format:** N

**Maximum character length:** 1

**Permissible values:**

Value	Meaning
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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:**

Value	Meaning
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8	Unknown
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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:** Supersedes [Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 23/12/2020
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 06/05/2020

Has been superseded by [Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N](#)

- [Health](#), Qualified 20/09/2022

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](#), Superseded 19/02/2021

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

### Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2021–22 Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2021

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2022

#### **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.

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2022–23 Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2022

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2023

**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 the response to [Episode of care—clinical assessment only indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described, code N](#) is CODE 1 'Yes'.

The HoNOS 65+ should only be reported for patients aged 65 years and over.

[Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2021–22 Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2021

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2022

**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.

[Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2022–23 Health](#), Standard 20/10/2021

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2022

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2023

**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.

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