

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

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## 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>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 20/12/2022 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Superseded 23/11/2023
<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

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Data element concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	539187
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 11/04/2014 <a href="#">Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</a> , Standard 15/10/2014 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 20/12/2016
<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

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Value domain:</b>	<a href="#">Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	717764
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 06/05/2020 <a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 20/12/2022
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing the severity of psychiatric symptoms of an individual aged 65 and over.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	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
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	8	Unknown

## 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](#), Superseded 28/03/2023

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[Health](#), Standard 20/12/2022

[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 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

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

[Health](#), Superseded 19/02/2021

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**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](#), Superseded 20/12/2022

**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](#), Superseded 20/12/2022

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

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

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Only required to be reported for episodes of admitted patient care with [Hospital service—care type, code N\[N\]](#) recorded as:

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