Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for Children and Adolescents score code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Level of psychiatric symptom severity (HoNOSCA score)
METEOR identifier:	740032
Registration status:	Health, Superseded 09/12/2022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 for Children and Adolescents (HoNOSCA) score-based code.
Context:	Psychiatric symptom severity, persons aged 17 years and under.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity
METEOR identifier:	539187
Registration status:	Health, Standard 11/04/2014 Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, Standard 15/10/2014 Tasmanian Health, Standard 20/12/2016
Definition:	An assessment of the severity of a person's psychiatric symptoms.
Object class:	Person
Property:	Level of psychiatric symptom severity

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for Children and Adolescents score code N
METEOR identifier:	740030
Registration status:	Health, Standard 19/02/2021
Definition:	A code set representing the severity of psychiatric symptoms of an individual aged 17 and under.

Representational attributes

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 HoNOSCA values that are missing or recorded in the HoNOSCA tool as '7 - Not stated/missing' and '9 - Unknown'.

The Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for children and adolescents (HoNOSCA) is used to rate child and adolescent mental health service users. Together, the scales rate various aspects of mental and social health.

HoNOSCA 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 fifteen scales are as follows:

- Disruptive, antisocial or aggressive behaviour
- Overactivity attention and concentration
- Non-accidental self injury
- Alcohol, substance/solvent misuse
- Scholastic or language skills
- Physical illness or disability problems
- Hallucinations and delusions
- Non-organic somatic symptoms
- Emotional and related symptoms
- Peer relationships
- Self care and independence
- Family life and relationships
- Poor school attendance
- Lack of knowledge - nature of difficulties
- Lack of information - services/management.

The sum of the individual scores of each of the scales (excluding supplementary value 8 Unknown) from 1 to 13 represents the total HoNOSCA score. The total HoNOSCA score 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 for Children and Adolescents score code N
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Health, Superseded 23/12/2020
Tasmanian Health, Superseded 28/03/2023

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Health, Superseded 09/12/2022

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 HoNOSCA at the commencement of mental health phase of care is mandatory for patients in all settings.

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

The HoNOSCA should only be reported for patients aged 17 years and younger.

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Conditional obligation:

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

Reporting of the HoNOSCA 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 HoNOSCA should only be reported for patients aged 17 years and younger.