

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

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Level of psychiatric symptom severity (HoNOS 65+ score)
METEOR identifier:	748292
Registration status:	Health , Standard 20/12/2022 Tasmanian Health , Standard 23/11/2023
Definition:	An assessment of the severity of a person's psychiatric symptoms, as represented by a Health of the Nation Outcome Scale (HoNOS) 65+ score-based code.
Context:	Psychiatric symptom severity, persons aged 65 and over.
Data Element Concept:	Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity
Value Domain:	Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N

Value domain attributes

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:	7	Not stated/missing
	9	Unable to rate because not known or not applicable to the consumer

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: 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:

1. behavioural disturbance
2. non-accidental self injury
3. problem drinking or drug use
4. cognitive problems
5. problems related to physical illness or disability
6. problems associated with hallucinations and delusions
7. problems associated with depressive symptoms
8. other mental and behavioural problems
9. problems with social or supportive relationships
10. problems with activities of daily living
11. overall problems with living conditions
12. 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 supplementary values 7 Not stated/Missing and 9 Unable to rate because not known or not applicable to the consumer) 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: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

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 26 July 2022, <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 20/12/2022

Tasmanian Health, Superseded 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, Standard 09/12/2022

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Health, Standard 09/12/2022

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2023–24](#)
Health, Superseded 06/12/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

Implementation end date: 30/06/2024

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.

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2024–25](#)

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[Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2023–24](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

Implementation end date: 30/06/2024

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 2024–25](#)

[Health](#), Standard 06/12/2023

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DSS specific information:

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[Tasmanian Subacute/Non-acute Data Set - 2023](#)

[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 23/11/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

Implementation end date: 30/06/2024

Conditional obligation:

Required when the Care Type is Psychogeriatric care

**Implementation in
Indicators:**

Used as Numerator

[KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 01J – Change in mental health consumer's clinical outcomes, 2024](#)

[Health](#), Recorded 07/03/2024