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: | 449363 |
| Registration status: | [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 12/11/2015[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 28/02/2017[Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 19/01/2018 |
| Definition: | An assessment of the severity of a person's psychiatric symptoms, as represented by a HoNOS 65+ score-based code. |
| Context: | Psychiatric symptom severity, persons aged 65 years and over. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/539187)  |
| Value Domain: | [Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/449356) |

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| 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  |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | The Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for elderly people (HoNOS65+) is used to rate adult mental health service users. Together, the scales rate various aspects of mental and social health. HoNOS65+ is answered on an item-specific anchored 4-point scale with higher scores indicating more problems. Each scale is assigned a value of between 0 and 4. 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 represents the total HoNOS65+ score. The total HoNOS65+ score ranges from 0 to 48, and represents the overall severity of an individual's psychiatric symptoms. |

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Independent Hospital Pricing Authority |

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| Reference documents: | Health of the Nation Outcome Scales (HoNOS), Royal College of Psychiatrists 1996. Viewed 17 October 2013,<http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/training/honos/whatishonos.aspx> |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/640065)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 25/01/2018[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Recorded 04/08/2016[Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 19/01/2018See also [Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale score code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/575166)[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 15/10/2014 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Activity based funding: Mental health care DSS 2016-17](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/613880)[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 28/02/2017***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2016***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2017***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.[Admitted patient mental health care cluster](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/575027)[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 15/10/2014***Conditional obligation:*** Reporting of the HoNOS65+ at admission and separation is mandatory for admitted patients in psychiatric hospitals or designated psychiatric units in acute hospitals. Reporting is optional for admitted patients in non-designated hospitals or units.The HoNOS65+ should only be reported for patients aged 65 years and over.The HoNOS65+ discharge rating is not required if the episode of admitted care had a length of stay of 3 days or less.[Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care DSS 2014-15](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/556874)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 13/11/2014***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2014***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2015***Conditional obligation:*** Only the HoNOS65+ scores at admission are required to be reported.Only required to be reported for episodes of admitted patient care with [Hospital service—care type, code N[N]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/491557) recorded as Code 5, Psychogeriatric care.Only required to be reported when the [Episode of admitted patient care—clinical assessment only indicator, yes/no code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/550492) value is recorded as Code 2, No.[Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care DSS 2015-16](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/588098)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 19/11/2015***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2015***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2016***Conditional obligation:*** Only the HoNOS65+ scores at admission are required to be reported.Only required to be reported for episodes of admitted patient care with [Hospital service—care type, code N[N]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/584408) recorded as Code 5, Psychogeriatric care.[Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2016-17](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/611617)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 03/11/2016***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2016***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2017***Conditional obligation:*** Only the HoNOS65+ scores at admission are required to be reported.Only required to be reported for episodes of admitted patient care with [Hospital service—care type, code N[N]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/584408) recorded as Code 5, Psychogeriatric care.[Ambulatory patient mental health care cluster](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/575033)[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 15/10/2014***Conditional obligation:*** For the purposes of this DSS, an ambulatory episode is defined as a period of continuous contact between a consumer and a mental health service within an ambulatory service setting. This is consistent with the definition in the National Outcomes and Casemix Collection.Reporting of the HoNOS65+ is mandatory for the first and last service contacts of an ambulatory mental health care episode provided by a specialised mental health service. Reporting is optional for service contacts provided by specialised mental health services from non-government organisations that receive state or territory government funding. Reporting is optional for service events provided by non-specialised mental health services.The HoNOS65+ should only be reported for patients aged 65 years and over.The HoNOS65+ discharge rating is not required if the episode of ambulatory care had a length of stay of 3 days or less.***DSS specific information:*** The HoNOS65+ for the first service contact may be derived from the HoNOS65+ admission rating submitted for the patient's ambulatory care episode as part of the National Outcomes and Casemix Collection reporting requirements.The HoNOS65+ for the last service contact may be derived from the HoNOS65+ discharge rating submitted for the patient's ambulatory care episode as part of the National Outcomes and Casemix Collection reporting requirements.[Residential patient mental health care cluster](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/575036)[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 15/10/2014***Conditional obligation:*** Reporting of HoNOS65+ at admission and separation is mandatory for residential mental health care services that are included in the General list of in-scope public hospital services, which have been developed under the National Health Reform Agreement (2011). Reporting is optional for episodes of residential mental health care provided by government-funded, non-government operated services.The HoNOS65+ should only be reported for patients aged 65 years and over.[Tasmanian Subacute/Non-acute Data Set - 2016](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/664907)[Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 18/01/2018***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2016***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2017[Tasmanian Subacute/Non-acute Data Set - 2017](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/690557)[Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 18/01/2018***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2017***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2018[Tasmanian Subacute/Non-acute Data Set - 2018](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/690564)[Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 06/05/2020***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2018***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2019[Tasmanian Subacute/Non-acute Data Set - 2019](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/715184)[Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Superseded 06/05/2020***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2019***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2020 |
| Implementation in Indicators: | **Used as Numerator**[KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 01J – Change in consumer's clinical outcomes, 2015](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/584821)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 19/11/2015[KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 01J – Change in consumer's clinical outcomes, 2016](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/630358)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 14/06/2017 |