

# Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Glossary Item
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	HoNOS65+
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	730842
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 23/12/2020
<b>Definition:</b>	An assessment of psychiatric symptoms and psychosocial functioning in an older patient.
<b>Context:</b>	Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ (HoNOS 65+) is a clinical assessment tool used by mental health professionals to evaluate psychiatric symptoms and psychosocial functioning in an older patient.

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** HoNOS 65+ is designed to be used by clinicians before and after interventions, so that changes attributable to interventions can be measured.

**Comments:** Twelve scales are used to rate older mental health service users. The scales include:

- 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 day time environment

Together, the scales rate various aspects of mental and social health, each on a scale of 0 to 4.

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

A HoNOS 65+ total score (the sum of each individual scale item) will be a value between 0 and 48.

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Independent Hospital Pricing Authority
<b>Origin:</b>	Health of the Nation Outcome Scales (HoNOS) © Royal College of Psychiatrists 1996.
<b>Reference documents:</b>	The Royal College of Psychiatrists 2019. HoNOS 65+ (Older Adults). The Royal College of Psychiatrists, London. Viewed 14 July 2020, <a href="https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/events/in-house-training/health-of-nation-outcome-scales">https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/events/in-house-training/health-of-nation-outcome-scales</a>

## Relational attributes

### Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ Health!](#), Superseded 23/12/2020

### Metadata items which use this glossary item:

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2021–22 Health!](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

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

[Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N Health!](#), Standard 23/12/2020