

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

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

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| <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> , Standard 23/12/2020  |
| <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.  |
| <b>Data Element Concept:</b> | <a href="#">Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity</a>   |
| <b>Value Domain:</b>         | <a href="#">Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N</a>  |

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

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| <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](#), Standard 06/05/2020

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

[Health!](#), Standard 19/02/2021

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[Health!](#), Standard 17/01/2020

**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!](#), Standard 17/12/2021

**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!](#), Standard 20/10/2021

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