

# Victorian adult mental health services

## HoNOS ratings reference guide

Treatment/Management planning HoNOS/CA/65+ Clinical prompt			Monitor?	Active treatment or management plan?	
Clinically significant	4	Severe/very severe problem	Most severe category for consumers with this problem. Warrants recording in clinical file, should be incorporated in care plan (n.b. person can get worse)	Yes	Yes
	3	Moderate problem	Warrants recording in clinical file, should be incorporated in care plan	Yes	Yes
	2	Mild problem	Warrants recording in clinical notes, may or may not be incorporated in care plan	Yes	Maybe
Not clinically significant	1	Minor problem	Requires no formal action, may or may not be recorded in clinical file	Maybe	No
	0	No problem	Problem not present	No	No

Victorian Department of Human Services and Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, Opportunities in practice: outcome measurement in mental health V1\_08, 2008, page 59

A rating of 9 should not be used unless there really is insufficient information to rate.

Maximum score

- On any individual item is 4
- Total score for HoNOS/65+ is 48
- Total score for HoNOSCA is 52

# Health of the Nation Outcomes Scale - HoNOS sub-scales

Clinician rated

Rating period is over the last two weeks

1. Overactivity, aggression, agitation 2. Non-accidental self-injury 3. Problem drinking or drug-taking	<b>Behaviour</b> (0-12)
4. Cognitive problems 5. Physical illness or disability problems	<b>Impairment</b> (0-8)
6. Hallucinations/delusions 7. Problems with depressed mood 8. Other mental and behavioural problem	<b>Symptoms</b> (0-12)
9. Problems with relationships 10. Problems with activities of daily living 11. Problems with living conditions 12. Problems with occupation and activities	<b>Social</b> (0-16)