

Child and adolescent mental health services

HoNOSCA 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 for Children and Adolescents - HoNOSCA sub-scales

Clinician rated

Rating period is over the last two weeks

1. Disruptive, antisocial or aggressive behaviour
2. Over-activity, attention or concentration
3. Non-accidental self-injury
4. Alcohol, substance/solvent misuse

Behaviour
(0-16)

5. Scholastic or language skills
6. Physical illness or disability problems

Impairment
(0-8)

7. Hallucinations/delusions
8. Non-organic somatic symptoms
9. Emotional and related symptoms

Symptoms
(0-12)

10. Peer relationships
11. Self-care and independence
12. Family life and relationships
13. Poor school attendance

Social
(0-16)

14. Lack of knowledge–nature of difficulties
15. Lack of information–service/management

Information