

# Child and adolescent mental health services NOCC measures

Measure	Details	Rated by	Provides
SDQ	Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire	Consumer	SUBJECTIVE WELLBEING
HoNOSCA	Health of the Nation Outcome Scale Children and Adolescents (15 items)	Clinician	SYMPTOMS
CGAS	Children's Global Assessment Scale (1 item)	Clinician	DISABILITY
FIHS	Factors Influencing Health Status	Clinician	CONTEXTUAL INFO

Measure	Purpose	Usual rating period	Exceptions
SDQ	A parent and adolescent-completed brief behavioural questionnaire administered on admission and follow up to health services for 4–17 year olds. It includes 25 items on psychological attributes for five scales: emotional symptoms, conduct problems, hyperactivity/inattention, peer relationship problems and prosocial behaviour. It also includes items on the impact of these attributes.	At ‘admission/ intake’ to a service, the previous six months At ‘review’ and ‘discharge’, the previous one month	None
HoNOSCA	A modified version of the HoNOS designed specifically for child and adolescents. Items 1-13 focus on aspects of symptomatology and functioning which contribute to the young person’s mental health, while items 14 and 15 concern environmental aspects related to lack of information or access to services. The total score is obtained by summing the 13 clinical scales.	Previous two weeks	Not required on ‘discharge’ from Inpatient unit if LOS less than 72 hours
CGAS	A single global measure of level of functioning, rated 0–100 in order of improved functioning.	Previous two weeks	None
FIHS	Checklist of ‘psychosocial complications’ based on ICD–10 Factors Influencing Health Status.	Preceding period*	None

Note: \*In accordance with the NOCC protocol, the ‘preceding period’ refers to ‘the period of care bound by the current Collection Occasion and the preceding Collection Occasion.’ (National Outcomes and Casemix Collection Technical Specifications, Version 1.50, page 34).