

What do the HoNOS/CA/65+ item ratings mean?

Your case manager will rate each item of the HoNOS/CA/65+ based on how things have been for you over the past 2 weeks

Not clinically significant	0	No problem	Your case manager has indicated that this item is not a problem for you.
	1	Minor problem	Your case manager has indicated that this item is a minor problem but does not require any formal action.
Clinically significant	2	Mild problem	our case manager has indicated that this item may be a mild problem for you at the moment and will monitor this area. It may be included in planning your care.
	3	Moderate problem	Your case manager has indicated that this item is a moderate problem for you. Your case manager will explore goals and strategies with you to address this area.
	4	Severe problem	Your case manager has indicated that this item is a severe problem for you it will be documented and used to plan your care plan.
	9	Unable to Rate	Your case manager was unable to rate this item because they do not have enough information.

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 and HoNOS65+ is 48
- Total score for HoNOSCA is 52

Setting	Which HoNOS?	Purpose
Child and adolescent mental health services	HoNOSCA Health of the Nation Outcome Scale Children and Adolescents (15 questions)	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.
Adult mental health services	HoNOS Health of the Nation Outcome Scale (12 items)	An instrument developed in the UK for use by clinicians in routine clinical work to measure consumer outcomes. Contains 12 items across four outcome domains: behaviour, impairment, symptoms and social.
Aged mental health services	HoNOS65+ Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ (12 items)	A modified version of the HoNOS designed specifically for people over the age of 65. Contains 12 items across four outcome domains: behaviour, impairment, symptoms and social. The NOCC protocol utilises the older version of the HoNOS65+ glossary.

When the clinician rates the HoNOS/CA/65+ the rating period is

- previous two weeks
- except on discharge from inpatient unit, then previous three days
- not required on 'discharge' from Inpatient unit if admission was less than 72 hours