

PRIMHD OUTCOMES REPORT 2 - VALID COLLECTIONS

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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WHAT IS 'VALIDITY'?

Valid collections are those where no more than 2 items are either missing or were unable to be rated. Where collections are missing more than two items, these are identified as 'invalid' and excluded from aggregate analysis.

WHY REPORT VALIDITY?

Valid collections are used for aggregated reporting of individual outcomes data. They are also required for building episodes that will in the future be used for comparing service user outcomes and for casemix analysis. Both of these future activities require as many valid collections as possible to ensure maximum clinical utility from the information collected.

HOW IS VALIDITY CALCULATED?

A **valid** collection has two or less "7" (missing) or "9" (unable to rate) outcome item values.

An **invalid** collection has three or more "7" or "9" outcome item values.

HOW CAN THIS INFORMATION BEST BE PRESENTED?

The data is presented in a table comparing the percentages between DHBs, teams, reason for collection and/or settings. This can be presented in table format or graphed for each team/measure.

HOW CAN THIS DATA BE INTERPRETED AND USED?

The report may identify areas of concern (low validity) and where processes may need to be reviewed or training required. There is likely to be a direct relationship between some of the Reasons for Collection and low validity, e.g. Lost to care

In general, validity seems to be high (90% or higher) for the HoNOS measure but in several cases much lower for HoNOSCA. Users of the HoNOSCA may wish to use this report together with Report 3 – Individual Item Validity - to assist in identifying where the issues are in the completion of this measure.