

Readme: PDRSS Outcome Measurement Tool

Please read this document before installing and using the PDRSS Outcome Measurement Tool ("the tool").

Purpose of Application

The PDRSS Outcome Measurement Tool has been developed to support data entry for the three consumer outcome measures that are being used in Psychiatric Disability Rehabilitation Support Services in Victoria (Australia): the BASIS-32, the CANSAS and the WHOQOL.

Installation

- Click on the hyperlink to download the tool onto the hard drive of your PC.
- Double click the "PDRSS.zip" file to unzip the tool.
- Double click the "PDRSS.exe" icon to start the program.

Warning

- ***Install the tool only on a single PC in your agency.*** Failure to do this will result in your outcome measurement records being dispersed over a number of separate files.
- ***Make sure that your outcome measurement data files are closed before starting the tool.*** Failure to do this may result in data loss. See under 'functionality' below for detail re file names.

Functionality

The PDRSS tool automatically enters all outcome measurement data in a database as "comma separated values" (csv). Depending on the outcome measurement instrument used by your agency, the tool will create a "whocol.csv", "cansas.csv" or "basis32.csv" file, in which all your ratings will be stored. This file needs to be closed before you open the tool to enter additional data. Failure to do so may result in data loss.

Getting Started

- Double click the icon to start the application.
- Select the measure used in your agency (WHOQOL, CANSAS or BASIS-32).
- Read the warning and make sure that your "csv" data file is not open!
- Click "Proceed".
- Select "Add" on the menu bar to add a new rating.
- Enter your details (agency name and outlet, activity type and worker name).
- Create a statistical linkage key (SLK) by entering client details when required to do so. ***Please note that without entering an SLK you will not be able to compare an individual's ratings over time in order to track health outcomes!***
- Enter date the rating was made.
- Select a reason why the measure was offered.
- Select the status of the rating (e.g. "offered and accepted").
- Enter the rating value for each field.
- Save your rating and continue or exit.

Limitations

- The tool provides a mechanism for data entry only.
- It does not calculate total scores.
- It does not come with a reporting capacity.

Support

This application is made available free of charge on an 'as is' basis. DHS is not able to provide support for the PDRSS Outcome Measurement Tool and cannot be held accountable for any damage, data loss or loss of service resulting from installation or use of the tool.

A limited Help file can be accessed by selecting "Help" on the menu bar.

Version details

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