Appendix F - Survey of clinician views

Introduction

Forensic Outcome Measures Study Survey

Thank you for your interest in this survey. It aims to get your feedback about some of the instruments most commonly used to measure progress and outcomes in forensic mental health services. It should take you around **10 minutes** to complete.

The ten measurement instruments you will be asked about are all types of questionnaire that are filled in by **clinicians working in forensic mental health services** about their patients. **You have been asked for your views because you are a clinician working in this setting.**

These ten instruments have been chosen because they appeared most often in a recent systematic review of the published research literature about forensic mental health services. These instruments look at a range of outcomes, including risk, clinical symptoms, quality of life and social functioning.

This short survey will ask you questions about your practical experience with each of the instruments. The aim is to understand how these instruments are used in routine clinical practice to measure patients' progress and outcomes. You may well not have heard of some of the instruments and this is useful information in itself.

By completing this questionnaire you are giving your consent to participate in the study. The study has been approved by the Health Research Authority (IRAS no. 241740). Your response will be anonymous.

Demographics

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Which area do you mainly work in?

If you are unsure which region you are based in, please click here.

- ○ East of England
- ○ London
- ○ Midlands
- ○ North East and Yorkshire
- ○ North West England
- ○ South West England
- ○ South East England
- ○ Scotland
- ○ Wales
- ○ Northern Ireland
- ○ Other (please specify)

What sort of service(s) do you mainly work in? You may choose more than one answer.

- ☐ High security forensic mental health service
- ☐ Medium security forensic mental health service
- ☐ Low security forensic mental health service
- ☐ Community forensic mental health services
- ☐ Prison mental health team
- ☐ Other (please specify)

How would you describe your professional background?

- Nursing
- Psychiatry
- Psychology
- Occupational therapy
- Social work
- Other (please specify)

Have you previously taken part in any other part of the Forensic Outcome Measures Study, such as the focus groups or Delphi process?

- Yes
- No

Description of the instruments

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Below you will find a short description of each of the ten instruments that will appear in this survey. This also includes additional information about the most relevant versions or subscales. **This information is just for reference and you do not need to remember any of it.** In the next section each instrument will be referred to by its **acronym,** for reasons of simplicity.

1. Historical Clinical Risk 20 (**HCR-20**) Version 3

The HCR-20 is a set of professional guidelines designed to inform the assessment and management of the risk of violence using the structured professional judgement (SPJ) model. It contains both static and dynamic factors.

2. Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (**START**)

The START is an SPJ instrument designed to inform a range of domains of short-term risk relevant for routine clinical practice in psychiatry. It contains only dynamic factors and focuses on both strengths and vulnerabilities.

3. Camberwell Assessment of Needs: Forensic Version (**CANFOR**) Clinical Version

The CANFOR is a tool which has been designed to assess the needs of individuals who have mental health problems and are also in contact with forensic mental health services. It is based on the original Camberwell Assessment of Need. It is available in several versions, including clinical, short and research versions. These all have clinician and service user rated scales.

4. Dangerousness Understanding, Recovery and Urgency Manual (**DUNDRUM**) 3 and 4

The DUNDRUM toolkit is a suite of SPJ instruments designed to inform decisions about admission, transfer and discharge in forensic mental health services. DUNDRUM-3: Programme Completion and DUNDRUM-4: Recovery Items are dynamic and have complementary service user rated scales.

5. Health of the Nations Outcome Scales – Secure (**HoNOS-Secure**) Version 2b

The HoNOS Secure is an outcome measure designed for use in forensic settings which is based on the original HoNOS. The original clinical scale has been adapted for use in forensic services and an additional security scale has been added.

6. Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (**LS/CMI**)

The LS/CMI is the fourth generation of a risk assessment and case management tool in the 'Level of Service' family. It is designed primarily for use in criminal justice settings, but has also been used in the context of forensic mental health services. It is designed to support professionals to assess the needs of offenders.

7. Structured Assessment of Protective Factors for Violence (**SAPROF**)

The SAPROF is an SPJ instrument which was developed to be used in conjunction with other SPJs, such as the HCR-20. It assesses protective factors and aims to contribute to a more balanced formulation of risk for future violent behaviour.

8. Violence Risk Scale (**VRS**) Version 2

The VRS uses a range of static and dynamic variables to assess the risk of violence, identify targets for treatment and quantify changes in risk after treatment. It is based on risk, need and responsivity principles.

9. Sexual Violence Risk 20 (**SVR-20**) Version 2

The SVR-20 is a simplified, brief version of the Risk of Sexual Violence Protocol (RSVP). It is an SPJ designed for the purpose of assessing and managing the risk of sexual violence.

10. Behavioural Status Index (**BEST**)

The BEST is a nurse-rated classification instrument designed to assess risk and guide therapy. It has six subscales and hypothesises that risk correlates inversely with an individual's insight and ability in communicative and social skills.

Questions about the instruments

Familiarity

Please have a look at the following instruments and indicate all of those you are **familiar** with and the **degree of familiarity**. If you indicate that you have never heard of a particular instrument, you will not be asked any further questions about it.

	I regularly use it	I have some experience with using it	I have heard of it, but have not used it	I have never heard of it
HCR-20	○	○	○	○

START	○	○	○	○
CANFOR	○	○	○	○
DUNDRUM	○	○	○	○
HoNOS-Secure	○	○	○	○
LS/CMI	○	○	○	○
SAPROF	○	○	○	○
VRS	○	○	○	○
SVR-20	○	○	○	○
BEST	○	○	○	○

Training

Have you received training in using any of these instruments?

	Yes, formal training (such as a course)	Yes, informal training (for example from a colleague)	No training
HCR-20	○	○	○
START	○	○	○
CANFOR	○	○	○
DUNDRUM	○	○	○
HoNOS-Secure	○	○	○
LS/CMI	○	○	○
SAPROF	○	○	○
VRS	○	○	○
SVR-20	○	○	○
BEST	○	○	○

Involvement of patients

Most of the ten instruments are designed to be rated by clinicians only. Some teams choose to involve patients when formulating the ratings they assign to the

clinician reported scales. Some instruments also have additional patient reported scales.

Do you involve patients in rating any of the following instruments?

	Patients are fully involved and ratings are decided jointly with them	Patients are partially involved and contribute to ratings	Patients are informed of their ratings, but do not participate in the rating process	Patients are not informed of their ratings	Don't know
HCR-20	○	○	○	○	○
START	○	○	○	○	○
CANFOR	○	○	○	○	○
DUNDRUM	○	○	○	○	○
HoNOS-Secure	○	○	○	○	○
LS/CMI	○	○	○	○	○
SAPROF	○	○	○	○	○
VRS	○	○	○	○	○
SVR-20	○	○	○	○	○
BEST	○	○	○	○	○

Please provide any comments about patient involvement below (optional):

Your views about the instruments

The following questions are about your views on the instruments you have indicated you have at least some familiarity with. You can indicate your level of agreement with each statement on a 5-point likert scale. If you work in forensic mental health services and another setting, such as the criminal justice system, please answer only regarding your **patients in forensic mental health services**.

The following instruments are **relevant as an outcome measure** for the patients that you work with:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
HCR-20	○	○	○	○	○	○
START	○	○	○	○	○	○
CANFOR	○	○	○	○	○	○
DUNDRUM	○	○	○	○	○	○
HoNOS-Secure	○	○	○	○	○	○
LS/CMI	○	○	○	○	○	○
SAPROF	○	○	○	○	○	○
VRS	○	○	○	○	○	○
SVR-20	○	○	○	○	○	○
BEST	○	○	○	○	○	○

Please provide any additional comments you have about relevance below (optional):

The following instruments **cover all of the outcomes that are important** for the patients that you work with:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
HCR-20	○	○	○	○	○	○
START	○	○	○	○	○	○
CANFOR	○	○	○	○	○	○
DUNDRUM	○	○	○	○	○	○
HoNOS-Secure	○	○	○	○	○	○
LS/CMI	○	○	○	○	○	○
SAPROF	○	○	○	○	○	○
VRS	○	○	○	○	○	○
SVR-20	○	○	○	○	○	○
BEST	○	○	○	○	○	○

Please provide any additional comments about coverage of important outcomes below (optional):

The following instruments are **helpful for measuring the progress** of the patient you are rating:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know

HCR-20	○	○	○	○	○	○
START	○	○	○	○	○	○
CANFOR	○	○	○	○	○	○
DUNDRUM	○	○	○	○	○	○
HoNOS-Secure	○	○	○	○	○	○
LS/CMI	○	○	○	○	○	○
SAPROF	○	○	○	○	○	○
VRS	○	○	○	○	○	○
SVR-20	○	○	○	○	○	○
BEST	○	○	○	○	○	○

Please provide any additional comments about measurement of progress below (optional):

The following instruments are **helpful for developing a care plan** with the patient you are rating:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
HCR-20	○	○	○	○	○	○
START	○	○	○	○	○	○
CANFOR	○	○	○	○	○	○
DUNDRUM	○	○	○	○	○	○
HoNOS-Secure	○	○	○	○	○	○

LS/CMI	○	○	○	○	○	○
SAPROF	○	○	○	○	○	○
VRS	○	○	○	○	○	○
SVR-20	○	○	○	○	○	○
BEST	○	○	○	○	○	○

Please provide any additional comments about development of care plans below (optional):

The following instruments are **easy to use** in your routine clinical practice (both quick AND straightforward):

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
HCR-20	○	○	○	○	○	○
START	○	○	○	○	○	○
CANFOR	○	○	○	○	○	○
DUNDRUM	○	○	○	○	○	○
HoNOS-Secure	○	○	○	○	○	○
LS/CMI	○	○	○	○	○	○
SAPROF	○	○	○	○	○	○
VRS	○	○	○	○	○	○
SVR-20	○	○	○	○	○	○
BEST	○	○	○	○	○	○

Please provide any additional comments about ease of use below (optional):

Please add any other general comments you have below (optional):

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