



# INTRODUCTION TO ASCOT

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# Adult Social Care Outcomes Toolkit

- A collection of tools for measuring the outcomes for service users and family (unpaid) carers across social care services and interventions.
- Social Care Related Quality of Life (SCRQoL)
  - Domains reasonably affected by social care
  - Broad enough to apply to everyone
  - Enable comparison with general population
- [www.pssru.ac.uk/ascot](http://www.pssru.ac.uk/ascot)

# Domains for service users

- Personal cleanliness and comfort
- Food and drink
- Safety
- Clean and comfortable accommodation
- Social participation and involvement
- Control over daily living
- Occupation
- Dignity

# 4 outcome states per domain

- **Ideal state:**
  - individual's needs and preferences are met.
- **No needs:**
  - needs are met but not to desired level
- **Some needs:**
  - sufficiently important or frequent to affect quality of life (but no health implications)
- **High level needs:**
  - mental or physical health implications if they are not met over a period of time. This may be because of severity or number.

# Derived scores

- Current SCRQoL:
  - measures situation now, often with services already in place.
- Expected SCRQoL:
  - Estimates what SCRQoL would be in absence of services (assuming nobody else stepped in)
  - Estimates the counterfactual and is used to estimate...
- SCRQoL gain:
  - Impact of service on SCRQoL (current – expected)

# Summary

- ASCOT measures SCRQoL
- 8 domains
- 4 levels (outcome states)
- All measure current SCRQoL
- Some estimate expected SCRQoL
- Current-expected= SCRQoL gain (impact)

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