

Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire

– brief overview

Extensive support materials are available on the SDQ developers' website, including copies of the various versions of the instrument, back ground information and scoring instructions. See <http://www.sdqinfo.com>. There are six versions (parent-report and youth-self report) currently specified for NOCC reporting with an additional four versions (teacher-report) that may be of use at the clinical level (see appendices).

The "1" versions are administered on admission and are rated on the basis of the proceeding 6 months. The "2" follow up versions are administered on review and discharge and are rated on the basis of the previous 1 month period. The versions specified for NOCC reporting are:

- PC1 – Parent Report Measure for Children aged 04-10, Baseline version;
- PC2 – Parent Report Measure for Children and Adolescents aged 4-10, Follow up version;
- PY1 – Parent Report Measure for Youth aged 11-17, Baseline version;
- PY2 – Parent Report Measure for Youth aged 11-17; Follow up version;
- YR1 – Youth self report measure (11-17), Baseline version; and
- YR2 – Youth self report measure (11-17), Follow up version.

Please note that the item numbering in the SDQ versions is deliberately non sequential because it covers all items in all versions, both to indicate item equivalence across versions and to assist data entry, especially of translated versions. The table below indicates the items that are included in each version, the rating periods used and the broad content covered by each item.

		Parent		Young Person			
		4-10		11-17		11-17	
		<i>Baseline</i>	<i>Followup</i>	<i>Baseline</i>	<i>Follow-up</i>	<i>Baseline</i>	<i>Followup</i>
		<i>6 months</i>	<i>1 month</i>	<i>6 months</i>	<i>1 month</i>	<i>6 months</i>	<i>1 month</i>
Items	Item Content	Version					
		PC1	PC2	PY1	PY2	YR1	YR2
1-25	Symptoms	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
26	Overall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27	Duration	✓	X	✓	X	✓	
28-33	Impact	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
34-35	Follow up progress	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓
36-38	Cross-Informant information	✓	X	✓	X	X	X
39-42	Cross-Informant information	X	X	X	X	✓	X

In addition to the measures listed above, the SDQ has four 'teacher' versions, not specified for NOCC reporting, but which have considerable clinical utility in the assessment and treatment of children and adolescents. These are similar to the Parent-report versions, but do not contain "cross-informant" items. These measures are included here for information only:

- TC1 –Teacher Report Measure for Children aged 04-10 on initial contact with service (Admission);
- TC2 - Teacher Report Measure for Children and Adolescents aged 04-10 on follow up contact with service (Review & Discharge);
- TY1 - Teacher Report Measure for Youth aged 11-17 on initial contact with service (Admission); and
- TY2 - Teacher Report Measure for Youth aged 11-17 on follow up contact with service (Review & Discharge).