Good information is vital for the complex decisions made by staff in health & social care. And the best kind of information is useful to front-line staff and to managers alike. The Community ioRN2, part of the ioRN family, is available now and ready to be used in your organisation or team.

What is Community ioRN2?

ioRN2 is a validated measurement tool co-designed by and for therapists, social workers and nurses in Scotland.

ioRN2 uses key information about people to group them according to their independence on a range of fundamental personal care needs. The result is person-centred information that offers a better understanding of people with support needs. It contributes information vital to the delivery and planning of outcome-focussed care and support. ioRN2 data are a resource for practitioners and managers alike.

What makes Community ioRN2 distinctive?

- It is about the person, not about services.
- It shows how someone changes over time, offering for example objective evidence of the benefits of reablement or Intermediate Care.
- The information summary it produces is a resource for practitioners.
- Readily aggregated, it is useful for managers and team leaders tasked with planning and delivering effective care.
- It complements information on personal outcomes and service measures.
- ioRN2 data are straightforward to collect in practice.
- The responses to the questions are in *plain English*.

The ioRN2 has an important contribution to make across the changing and challenging health & social care landscape. It is complementary to approaches in outcome-focussed assessment and planning.
The ioRN family

Community ioRN2 is the Community part of a ‘family’ of ioRN tools in use or under development. These together are designed for use in all settings across the health and social care spectrum including hospital and care home. Work is underway to understand how the ioRN tools can be used in unison to follow the person throughout their care journey.

As with other parts of the ioRN family Community ioRN2 is a **nationally standardised** tool; the groups are **clearly defined**; useful to **health and social care** staff - and integrated teams; designed in Scotland, it is potentially and important information resource for integrated health and social care partnerships.

And more..

**It is important for individual people:**

- Person-centred, it provides a standardised summary of a person’s characteristics – a snapshot in time that can be updated as and when required.
- ioRN2 informs individual care and support plans; it can assist in setting personal ambitions; it can support the promotion of independence
- ioRN2 contributes to an individual outcome summary. One of its key benefits is to show how a person changes over time.

**It is important when aggregated:**

- Offers a summary profile of the characteristics of people requiring support or care for example at team or service level;
- It offers objective evidence on what works well or less well;
- At a population level it offers information that helps stratify (or segment) the thousands of people we support every day;
- For day to day operational management purposes, ioRN2 generates key reliable data for managers and team leaders.

Community ioRN2 is ready now for your teams to use

*This leaflet is an invitation for you to take a fresh look at Community ioRN2 and the other ioRN tools –and to make them part of your health and social care data resource.*

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