Anonymous Testimonials Regarding the SASNOS

"Rehabilitation is an artificial environment designed to improve challenging behaviours among other things. [SASNOS] Dependency ratings show how a patient would perform outside of the artificial environment."

"The [SASNOS] support ratings have been useful to show the impact of neurobehavioral rehabilitation on symptoms of neurobehavioural disability."

"The [SASNOS] weighted severity ratings are useful to us in demonstrating the role of the support and structure from the neurobehavioural approach in reducing the effects of NBD on the individual."

"[SASNOS] Allows us to show external professionals and funders how someone was benefitting from support from the service."

"[SASNOS] Allows the team to see whether an individual was making progress independently, or whether they were receiving a great amount of support in certain areas. We could then discuss how to help someone become more independent in these areas if necessary".

"The [SASNOS] support ratings inform clinical review and provide information necessary to the team when changes in care plans are considered."

"Using the SASNOS dependency ratings encourages clinicians to think about the range of interventions in the current rehabilitation programme and whether they directly address domains in which the person functions well in the current setting but not in the community setting or has difficulties in functioning in all settings. These areas may affect the person's quality of life and present barriers to discharge into community settings; therefore they importantly drive the clinical team's focus to work towards discharge into a community setting from the early stages of admission to the service."

"[Weighted SASNOS scores] are useful in directing clinicians thinking about how the person with brain injury functions outside of their current setting, especially since people with neurobehavioural difficulties can often function quite effectively in structured settings."

"SASNOS Dependency weightings provide a useful framework for an informed analysis of the patients current needs to be developed by the clinical team. This helps with discharge planning including raising awareness of the patients functioning to all involved professionals, safe management of risk areas/areas for further treatment (which may not necessitate inpatient treatment) and contingency plans with the goal of ensuring a safe and sustainable discharge."

"The weighted SASNOS graphs effectively demonstrate to commissioners the support service users require, and estimates how they are likely to function if this support were to be withdrawn if the parson was discharged from the service too soon."

"From using the [SASNOS] dependency ratings clinically, commissioners and other professionals have found their use effective in highlighting patients current and future needs in a clear and unambiguous manner."

"The [SASNOS] support ratings have been used by external clinicians at panel to demonstrate continued need for funding."

"The [SASNOS] dependency ratings can be useful in assessing clinical risk when patients are being discharged from services, specifically by highlighting the areas where the person needs external support and may deteriorate in functioning without this support."