RCOT standard for SNOMED CT subset

4. Findings identified by occupational therapists at assessment and review

The routine use of occupational therapy terminology is one of the essential information building blocks that will support the profession to measure, evaluate and demonstrate the effectiveness of interventions with service users and carers. The Royal College of Occupational Therapists, in collaboration with its members, has developed a number of occupational therapy subset standards which should be used for all service user care records, whether they are stored digitally or on paper.

An assessment by an occupational therapist will assist in the identification of occupational strengths and needs; these may also be considered as ‘findings’. Findings may also be identified, following occupational therapy intervention at the time of re-assessment or review.

The findings subset is based on the 389 ‘able to’ terms included in the occupational therapy subset of goals. The findings subset additionally provides the options of ‘difficulty with’, ‘does’; ‘does not’, or ‘unable to’ for each term/activity in the goal subset.

An example of the range of options available in the findings subset for a particular occupation:

- **Able to** use cooker
- **Unable to** use cooker
- **Does** use cooker
- **Does not** use cooker
- **Difficulty** using cooker

Using the finding terms consistently can facilitate the recording of change determined pre- and post-intervention e.g. from ‘difficulty with’ to ‘able to’.

The occupational therapy findings SNOMED subset has a total of 1931 members (terms).

**Further information**

This document should be considered in conjunction with the following information and occupational therapy subsets:

- Overview: Occupational therapy language and SNOMED CT
- Assessments used by occupational therapists
- Problems in occupational performance recorded by occupational therapists
- Goals of occupational therapy intervention
- Interventions recorded by occupational therapists.

Subsets and additional information can be found on the Royal College of Occupational Therapists’ website at: [www.rcot.co.uk/practice-resources/occupational-therapy-topics/outcomes-and-keeping-records](http://www.rcot.co.uk/practice-resources/occupational-therapy-topics/outcomes-and-keeping-records). You can also access a SNOMED CT browser via: [https://digital.nhs.uk/snomed-ct](https://digital.nhs.uk/snomed-ct).