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Informant Questionnaire on Cognitive Decline in the Elderly – Short Form (IQCODE-16)

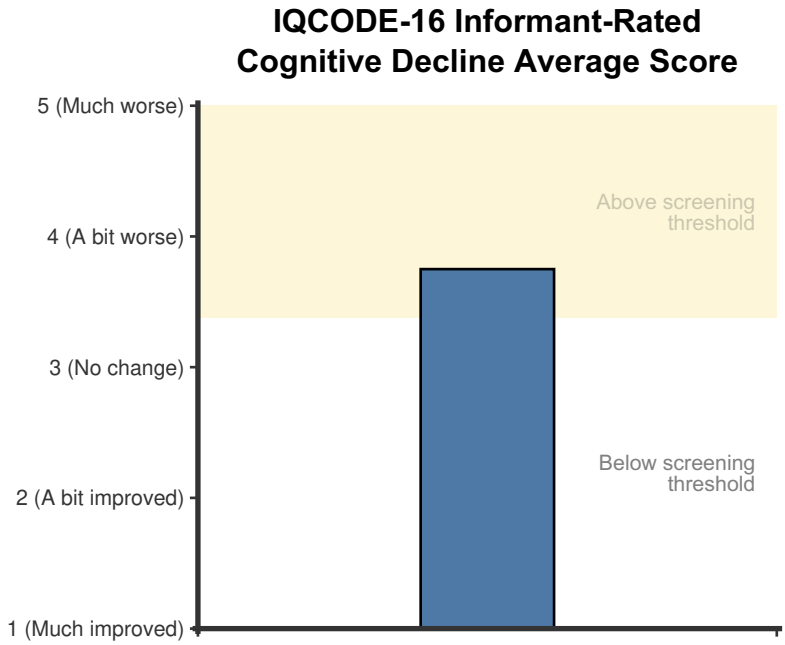
Client Name	Generic Client	*Date administered*	12 Nov 2026
Date of birth (age)	12 May 1948 (78)	*Time taken*	3 min 12s
Assessor	Dr David Hegarty		

Informant Details

Informant's Name	Jane Citizen
Informant's Relationship to Client	Daughter
Years Informant Has Known Client	30 years

Results

	Average (1 - 5)	Description
Total Score	3.8	Above screening threshold



Interpretation

On the IQCODE-16, completed by the client's daughter on 12 November 2026, the average rating was 3.8, between 'No change' (3) and 'A bit worse' (4) compared with 10 years ago. This result is at or above the screening threshold of 3.38, which was set against dementia or delirium in a study of adults aged 70 and over. This suggests further assessment.

The respondent rated the client as much worse than 10 years ago at remembering things that have happened recently and recalling conversations a few days later.

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Scoring and Interpretation Information

For comprehensive information on the IQCODE-16, see here.

IQCODE-16 Scoring
The IQCODE-16 presents a score between 1 and 5, which is the average of the 16 ratings (Australian National University, n.d.). The IQCODE-16 has no norms or percentiles, so the average is read against the publisher's descriptions and the screening threshold. Higher averages mean the informant reports more decline.

The answers are listed in three groups: rated as worse (most reported decline first), not much change, and rated as improved (most improvement first), with equal ratings in questionnaire order. The interpretive text names the items rated "Much worse" if there are five or fewer. The report opens with a note when the informant has known the client for less than the assumed 10 years (Australian National University, n.d.).

IQCODE-16 Screening Threshold
The Description column shows where the average sits against the screening threshold of 3.38. It reads "Above screening threshold", shaded yellow, at 3.38 or more, and "Below screening threshold" below 3.38.

- At or above the screening threshold (3.38 or more): the informant's ratings suggest further assessment, and the report carries the tag "Further assessment suggested". This is not a diagnosis. The threshold was set against dementia or delirium (Jorm, 1994).
- Below the screening threshold (below 3.38): a score below the threshold does not rule out cognitive decline. In the sample where the threshold was set, about one in five people with dementia or delirium scored below it (sensitivity .79; Jorm, 1994).

The ratings reflect the informant's view, which their own mood and how they see their relationship with the client can influence. Depression in the client was linked to higher averages, and in one study so were the informant's anxiety, low mood, and view of the relationship (Jorm, 1994; Jorm et al., 1996).

In memory clinics, pooled across both forms and a range of cut-offs, about half of the people without dementia scored above the cut-offs used. The review authors suggest that depression, common in these clinics, may contribute (Burton, Fearon, et al., 2021).

IQCODE-16 Graphs
On a first administration, one chart shows the average on the 1 to 5 scale, with each number on the axis labelled in words, from "Much improved" at 1, through "No change" at 3, to "Much worse" at 5. A yellow band shades the area at or above the screening threshold of 3.38. The two areas are labelled "Above screening threshold" and "Below screening threshold" on the right of the chart.

Each rating compares the client with 10 years before the date it was completed. Repeat ratings appear on a line chart with the same yellow band and labels. Repeat ratings may come from different informants.

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Client Responses

Rated as Worse (most reported decline first)

		Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
2	Remembering things that have happened recently	1	2	3	4	**5**
3	Recalling conversations a few days later	1	2	3	4	**5**
1	Remembering things about family and friends e.g. occupations, birthdays, addresses	1	2	3	**4**	5
5	Remembering what day and month it is	1	2	3	**4**	5
6	Remembering where things are usually kept	1	2	3	**4**	5
7	Remembering where to find things which have been put in a different place from usual	1	2	3	**4**	5
9	Learning to use a new gadget or machine around the house	1	2	3	**4**	5
10	Learning new things in general	1	2	3	**4**	5
12	Making decisions on everyday matters	1	2	3	**4**	5
16	Using their intelligence to understand what's going on and to reason things through	1	2	3	**4**	5

Rated as Not Much Change

		Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
4	Remembering their address and telephone number	1	2	**3**	4	5
8	Knowing how to work familiar machines around the house	1	2	**3**	4	5
11	Following a story in a book or on TV	1	2	**3**	4	5
13	Handling money for shopping	1	2	**3**	4	5
14	Handling financial matters e.g. the pension, dealing with the bank	1	2	**3**	4	5
15	Handling other everyday arithmetic problems e.g. knowing how much food to buy, knowing how long between visits from family or friends	1	2	**3**	4	5