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The SHARED findings provide feedback on the patient experience of shared decision making (SDM) for use in health service audit, evaluation, research and staff training projects, and practice.

The SHARED questionnaire is used in different ways to meet the needs of teams:

• Total score summarising patient experience of the shared decision making (SDM) process.

• Sub-section scores providing summaries on the constructs within a shared decision making (SDM) process: Professional Communication (items 1-4); Patient Involvement (items 5-7); Patient Agreement with Chosen Plan (items 8-10).

• By-item summaries, to inform individual, team or service practice about each component.

NOTE ABOUT DEVELOPMENT: the SHARED Questionnaire was developed by Bekker (2011-2013) when collaborating with Emma Walker and Alan Nye on the Advancing Quality Alliance (AQuA) workstream of the DH QIPP Right Care national tender for Shared Decision Making – Culture Change. The AQuA team piloted the face validity of measures for use in their evaluations of SDM training and patient resources, including the SHARED questionnaire (2012). During this development process, France Légaré (Canadian Research Chair in Shared Decision Making) provided conceptual oversight of the items included with the SHARED questionnaire (2012).

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