

Webinar 14/05/2024: Detailed Assessment of the Speed of Handwriting Second Edition (DASH-2)

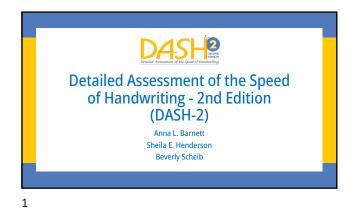
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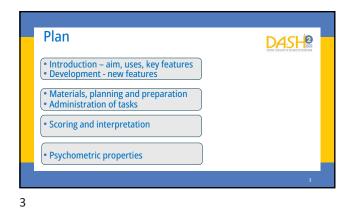
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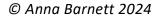
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Learning outcomes

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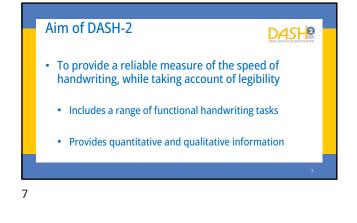
- List the uses of DASH-2
- Outline how to prepare for testing
- Explain how to administer each task
- Describe how to obtain a Total Standard Score
- Describe how qualitative information from DASH-2 contributes to an understanding of an individual's handwriting difficulties

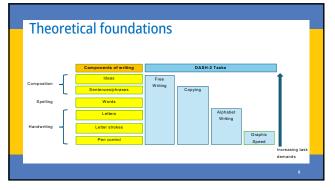
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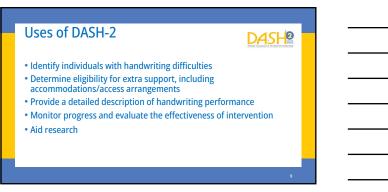


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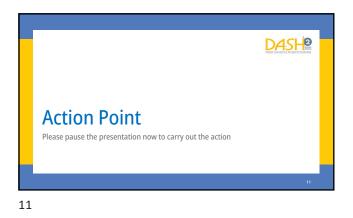
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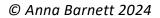
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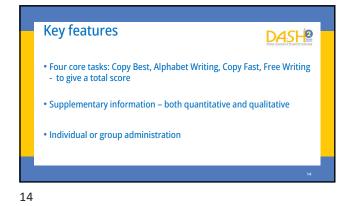


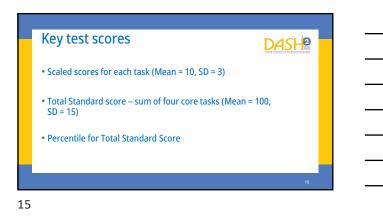






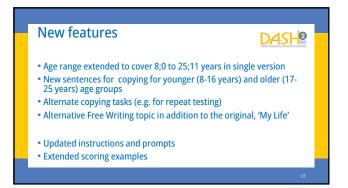
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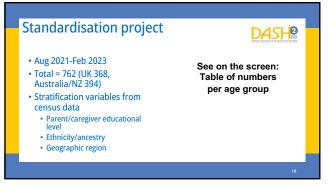




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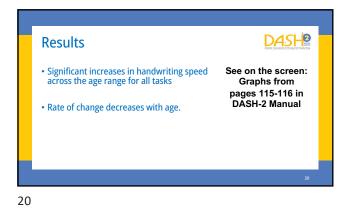


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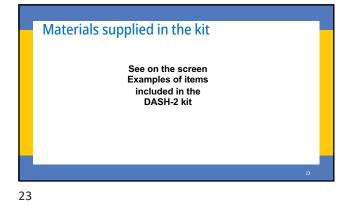
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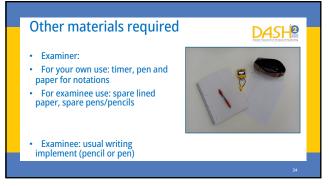


Plan	DASH Declaring
 Introduction – aim, uses, key features Development - new features 	
Materials, planning and preparation Administration of tasks	
Scoring and interpretation	
Psychometric properties	
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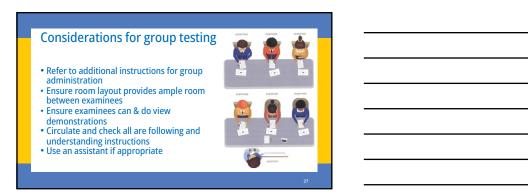
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Planning and preparation

- Become completely familiar with the materials, tasks and instructions
- Calculate examinee's chronological age and enter on the Record Form
- Photocopy: Lined Writing Card, Graphic Speed Card and appropriate Sentence Copying and Free Writing Topic card
- Arrange the seating space: Individual or group
- Allow at least 30 minutes

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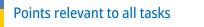
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Order of testing DASH?	
 The five DASH-2 tasks should be administered in this order, as arranged in the manual: Copy Best Alphabet Writing 	
Copy Fast Graphic Speed Free Writing	

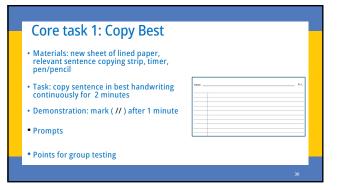
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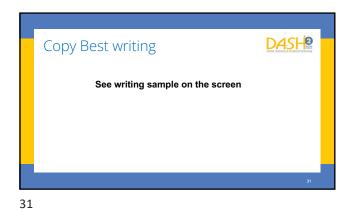


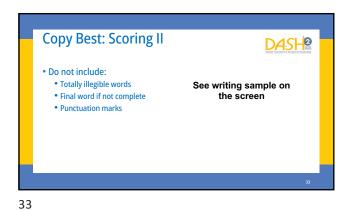
- Examinee: should use their usual writing implement
- Examiner: should have timer, pen and paper for notations, and materials for administration & demonstrations
- Materials: stapled sheets of lined paper, photocopies as appropriate per task e.g. Sentence for Copying
- Careful administration: verbatim instructions, demonstrations, timing
- Prompts
- Recording observations & comments

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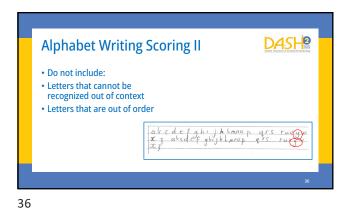


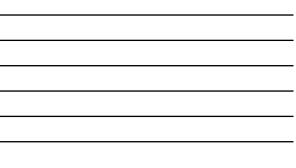


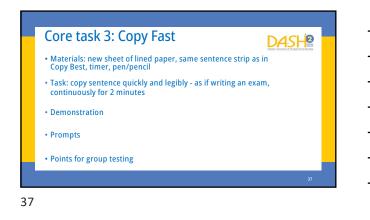


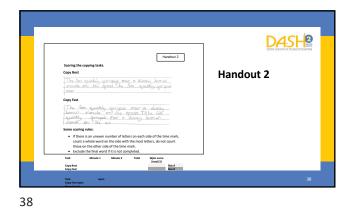
	Alphabet Writing	Detailed Approximation for the Speed of Handbacking
 Materials: new sheet timer, pen/pencil 	t of lined paper,	de foh; jklmno
 Task: write alphabet continuously for 1 m case, un-joined lette 	: in correct sequence	stovwxyzabe ghijkImhopgr wwxyzabed ikImhopgrst wxyzabed
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• Prompts	$\begin{array}{c} \mu & \nu \\ \rho & \rho \\ r \\$	v x ý y a b'ed e fghê) kim orste u vwx y z a btd e jehi f op gersted v wx y z a kêd
• Points for group test	ing	

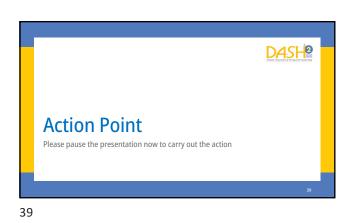
Alphabet Writing:	Scoring I	DASH 2
Count the number of correct letters Include all legible letters: • That are joined • That are reversed • That are joined-up • That have been crossed ou • That have been altered or the second	abc d e s g p g r s t v v a bc d e s g u	bijk <u>lmno</u> wxyz i jklm

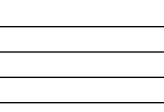


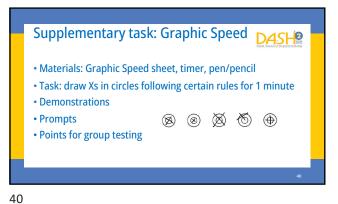




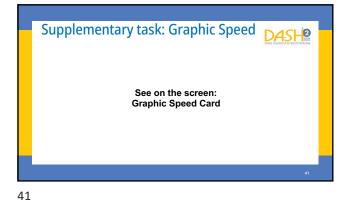


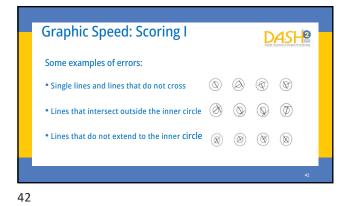




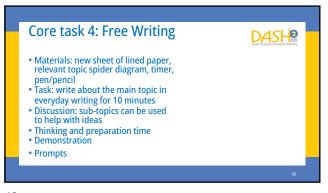


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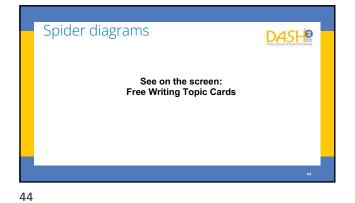


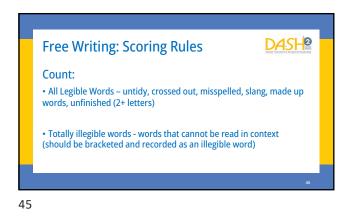


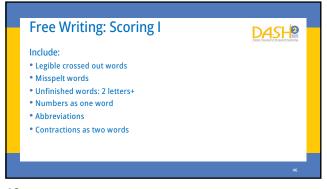




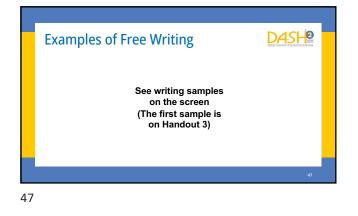
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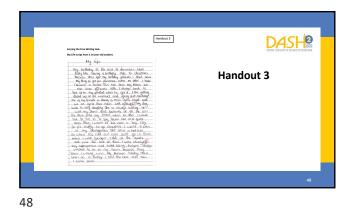






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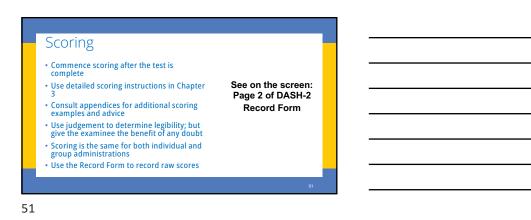


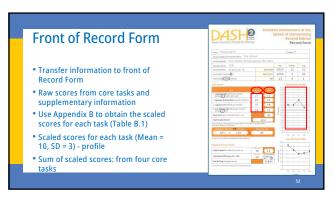


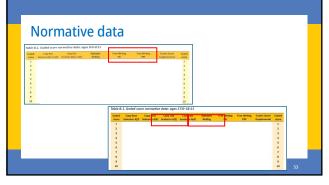


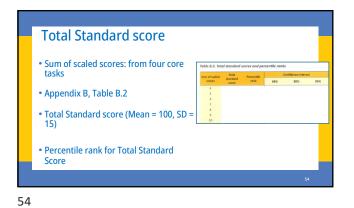


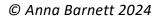
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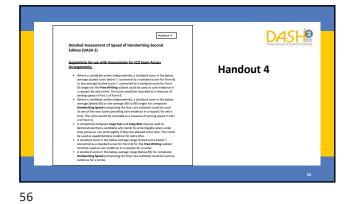




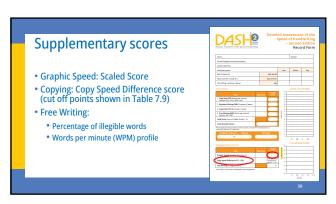


 At or below 5th percentile (i.e. standard score 76 or below). Slow handwriting, deserves attention 6th to 15th percentile (i.e. standard score 77 to 83). Moderately slow handwriting, may require further assessment, monitoring, intervention At or above 16th percentile (i.e. standard score 85th). No difficulty with handwriting speed 	Describing scores obtained	d DASH2
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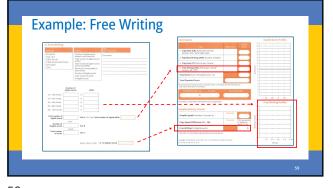
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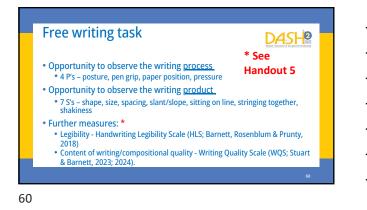




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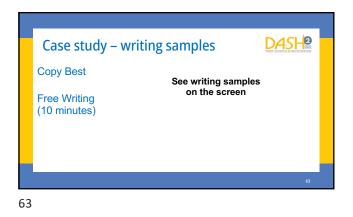


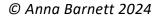
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	Getting more out of DASH-2	
	 Qualitative information – back page of Record Form Process – 4 Ps Product – 7 Ss Overall legibility (within and between tasks) Relationship between speed and legibility Free Writing content 	

Case study, 13	3 years	Task	Scaled Score
	·	Copy Best	4
Scaled Score Profile		Alphabet Writing	6
19	Free Writing Profile	Copy Fast	2
18	90	Graphic Speed	5
16	- 25	Free Writing	3
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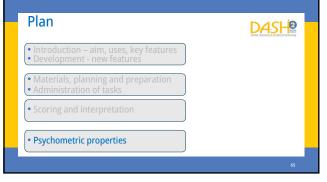




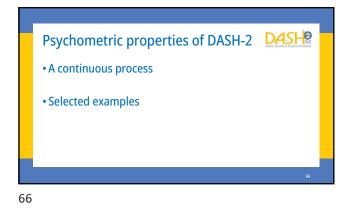




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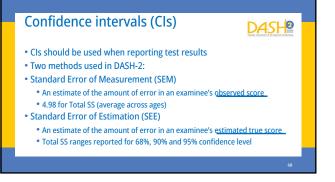




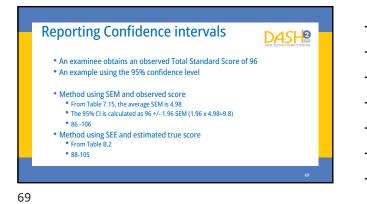


Reliability Image: Constraint of the summarised in Chapter 7 of the manual • Reliability data summarised in Chapter 7 of the manual • Inter-rater (n=140) ICC = .99 for Total SS • Test-retest (n=130), corrected r = .89 for Total SS • The measures of reliability satisfy the required standards for reliability

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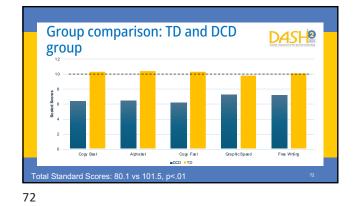




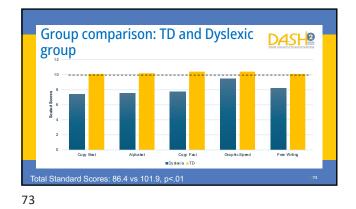
Validity		
• A range of information supports the validity of DASH-2		
• Intercorrelations between the tasks		
• Factor analysis		
Group differences		
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Score inter-correlations: all ages **DASH**² Copy Best Copy Fast Free Total^{*} .74 Copy Best Copy Fast .83 Alphabet Writing .56 .59 .63 Free Writing .60 .72 .52 .70 .33 .29 .36 .34 Graphic Speed * Correlation between a task and the Total calculated without this task

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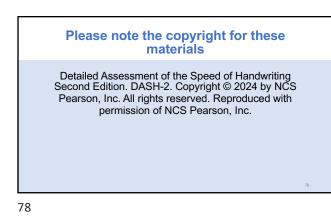


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Thank you for listening! Further information: www.pearsonclinical.co.uk www.annabarnett.co.uk Email: abarnett@brookes.ac.uk



You have heard about the range of uses of DASH-2. Note below how YOU would use the test in your own practice setting e.g. testing an individual examinee or a group and the purpose of using the test.

Handout 2

Scoring the copying tasks.

Copy Best

a dizz over NOLO

Copy Fast

CT.

Some scoring rules:

- If there is an uneven number of letters on each side of the time mark, count a whole word on the side with the most letters, do not count those on the other side of the time mark.
- Exclude the final word if it is not completed.
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Task	Minute 1	Minute 2	Total	Wpm score (total/2)	
Copy Best					Box A
Copy Fast					Box B

Task	wpm
Copy Fast wpm	
(from box B	
above)	
	MINUS
Copy Best wpm	
(from box A	
above)	
	EQUALS
Copy Speed	
Difference	

Note below any uncertainties you had about scoring the copying tasks:

Scoring the Free Writing task.

My Life script from a 14 year-old student.

My life
My birthday is the first of december. I dont
My birthday is the first of december. I dont feally like having a birthday close to christmas because once iger my birthday presents i don't have any thing to get for christmas. When in older I hope
because once iget my brithday presents I don't have
any thing to get for christmas, when in older I hope
I become a nurse. This has been my dream Job
ever since 10 was little. I always loved to
look after my drandad when he aptill. I love getting
dressed up on the weekend and going out. Normally
dressed up on the weekend and going out. Normally one of my friends is having a mini girls night and we all go to their nouse and gossipping My dog
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love to live in a big house but in a quite
area. Also i want to live near a big city
So it's early to go shopping. I want a pasi in my backgarden but also a hot tub
in my Backgarden but also a hot tub
so when it's cold out I can just ap in there
when I was younger I did all the sports
and was the best at them I was always
very competitive and hated losing. Everyone alway
wanted to be on my team because they
knew 1 would win. My favorate holiday Thave
been on is Turkey I loved the heat and how
I came back

Some scoring rules:

- Read the whole script first to check for legibility. If there are any words that are totally illegible, draw brackets around them to indicate that they should be counted separately later.
- Do not include the words written in the title.
- Contractions (e.g. don't) are counted as two words. A contraction without the apostrophe (e.g. dont) is also counted as two words.
- If there is an uneven number of letters on each side of the time mark, count a whole word on the side with the most letters, do not count those on the other side of the time mark.

Time	Number of words	Wpm (number of words/2)
1-2 minutes		
3-4 minutes		
5-6 minutes		
7-8 minutes		
9-10 minutes		
		Total wpm (Total number of words/10)
Total		
Number of illegible words		

Note below any uncertainties you had about scoring the Free Writing task:

Note below any observations you have about the handwriting:

Suggestions for use with Assessments for JCQ Exam Access Arrangements;

- Where a candidate writes independently, a standard score in the below average (scaled score below 7, converted to a standard score for Form 8) or low average (scaled score 7, converted to a standard score for Form 8) ranges for the Free Writing subtest could be used as core evidence in a request for extra time. The score would be recorded as a measure of writing speed in Part 2 of Form 8.
- Where a candidate writes independently, a standard score in the below average (below 85) or low average (85 to 89) ranges for composite Handwriting Speed (comprising the four core subtests) could be used as one of the two scores providing core evidence in a request for extra time. The score would be recorded as a measure of writing speed in Part 2 of Form 8.
- A comparison between **Copy Fast** and **Copy Best** may be used to demonstrate that a candidate who tends to write illegibly when under time pressure, can write legibly if they are allowed extra time. This could be used as *supplementary evidence* for extra time.
- A standard score in the below average range (scaled score below 7, converted as a standard score for Form 8) for the **Free Writing** subtest could be used as core evidence in a request for a scribe.
- A standard score in the below average range (below 85) for composite **Handwriting Speed** (comprising the four core subtests) could be used as evidence for a Scribe.

Please note;

• The **Copy Best, Alphabet Writing, Copy Fast** and **Graphic Speed** subtest scores cannot be used individually as evidence for a Scribe or 25% extra time.

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References and resources

1. Pearson online training for DASH-2:

Go to the 'Complimentary Training' tab on the DASH-2 Product Page

2. References to our related work on handwriting. Some of these can be found here <u>annabarnett.co.uk</u> (go to the 'Resources' tab)

(i) General:

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(ii) Handwriting Legibility Scale:

This tool was originally developed for ages 9-14 years but has also been found to be applicable for use with older students, aged 15-16 years and aged 17-25 years. You can download the scale here: <u>https://annabarnett.co.uk/resources</u>

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(iii) Writing Quality Scale:

This tool has been developed for use with students in higher education, aged 17-25 years. A scoring guide is now available.

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