Overt Behaviour Scale  
(*Kelly, Todd, Simpson, Kremer, & Martin, 2006*)

**What does it assess?**
- This scale is designed to clarify the types of observable challenging behaviours that can occur following acquired brain injury (ABI).

**Who is it suitable for?**
- Adults with ABI.
- Designed to be used in community settings, but has also been used in hospitals.

**How is it administered?**
- Direct observation (over a number sessions) and/or interview of one or more informants.

**How is it scored/ interpreted?**
- Provides descriptive information from the rating scale.
- List of problem behaviours identified, as well as their type, severity, frequency and impact.

**What is its availability?**
- Available at no cost from http://www.abibehaviour.org.au/obs.htm

**How does it contribute to a communication assessment for someone with behaviours of concern?**
- The OBS enables identification of challenging behaviours and provides a measure of change over time, but it does not identify their functions. It may be most useful as a first step prior to a functional assessment, such as through a MAS or QAFB.

**References**