Mental health: In the mainstream

The European Mental Health Action Plan 2013

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1. Population wellbeing, social determinants and inequality
2. Rights and recovery
3. Community mental health services
4. Acceptable, effective and safe treatments
8. High mortality and co-morbidity
9. Partnerships and responsibilities
10. Information and quality
“Our vision is for a WHO European Region where all people are enabled and supported in achieving their full health potential and well-being and in which WHO Member States, individually and jointly, work towards reducing inequalities in health within the region and beyond.”
# DALYs in Europe

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*Perinatal conditions: Includes maternal mortality and morbidity, as well as neonatal and fetal mortality and morbidity.
The treatment gap
Western Europe

- Psychosis: 17.8%
- Bipolar disorder: 39.9%
- Major depression: 45.4%
- Panic disorder: 47.2%
- Anxiety disorder: 62.3%
- Alcohol dependence: 92.4%

Source: Kohn 2004
DIVERSITY in EUROPE
Three reform waves
The Mental Health Declaration for Europe and the Mental Health Action Plan for Europe 2005

- Foster awareness
- Collectively tackle stigma, and empower and support people with mental health problems and their families
- Design and implement mental health systems
- Create a competent workforce
- Recognize experience and knowledge of service users and carers
Scope

European Mental Health Action Plan

• Improve the mental wellbeing of the population and reduce the burden of mental disorders, with a special focus on vulnerable groups, exposure to determinants and risk behaviours;
• Respect the rights, address stigma and discrimination and offer equitable opportunities to people with mental health problems (including dementia and substance use disorders) to attain the highest quality of life;
• Establish accessible, safe and effective services that meet people's mental, physical and social needs and the expectations of persons with mental health problems and their families.
Population wellbeing
Health Determinants

Social gradient:
• Smoking
• Alcohol
• Diet
• Obesity
• Exercise
Determinants of wellbeing

- Employment
- Marital Status
- Ethnicity
- Relative income (status)
- Country
Social Determinants of Health
health services
A picture of the same woman – in institutional care, and after community care was provided
Unbundling and Integrating Care

- Primary care
- Community services
- 24 hour care
- Specialist services
- General health care
- Social care
Total mental health beds per 100,000 population
Home treatment

[Bar chart showing home treatment rates in various countries in Europe]
Number of psychiatrists per 100,000 population
Number of nurses working in mental health care per 100 000 population
Number of psychiatrist in each WHO Region

- Americas: 72,599
- Western Pacific: 34,645
- Europe: 88,860
- South-East Asia: 3,263
- Eastern Mediterranean: 3,724
- Africa: 1,823

World: 204,915
Rate of psychiatrist per 100 000 population in each WHO Region

- Americas: 8.31
- Africa: 0.26
- Eastern Mediterranean: 0.70
- South-East Asia: 0.20
- Europe: 10.11
- Western Pacific: 1.99

World: 204,915
effective and safe treatments
Challenges
Efficiency of suicide prevention

Each $100 additional social spending reduced suicide by:
- 0.38%: active labour market programmes
- 0.23%: family support
- 0.07%: healthcare
- 0.09%: unemployment benefits

Source: Stuckler et al 2009 *Lancet*
What are we talking about?

Wellbeing, mental wellbeing, mental health, mental distress, mental health problems, mental disorders, mental illness, psychiatric disorders, brain disorders, brain illness.

Mental health services, psychiatric services, brain illness services, etc.
Scope European Mental Health Strategy

• Improve mental wellbeing and prevent mental disorders
• Respect the rights and offer opportunities
• Establish safe and effective services
• Tackle co-morbidities
Mental disorders and mental health: Cycle of Wellbeing