

PROLONGED HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS OF PATIENTS WITH BORDERLINE PERSONALITY DISORDER IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NEW LEGISLATION IN ENGLAND AND WALES - CLINICIANS' VIEW

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Introduction: In 2007 the Mental Health Act in England and Wales was amended and the definition of Mental Disorder was broadened. This change affected people with Personality Disorders who now can be admitted for hospital treatment without consent, often for prolonged period of time.

Objectives: This poster reviews clinicians' attitudes towards the new legislation and its consequences and also presents the research on the different perspectives about the new law.

Aims: To review clinicians' attitudes with regard to interfaces between Personality Disorders and the new law.

Methods: Use of the specifically designed questionnaire for clinicians providing hospital care for patients with Borderline Personality Disorders. MEDLINE and PsycINFO databases were also searched for all English-language articles published between 2008 and 2012 containing the keywords "Personality Disorder", "Mental Health Act" and "clinicians view on compulsory treatment of persons with Borderline Personality Disorder". Additional key articles published before 2008 were reviewed. The most relevant articles were selected for the review.

Results and conclusions: There is still no common consensus in regard to the benefit of compulsory hospital admission of persons with Borderline Personality Disorders. Results from questionnaires are under review.