

AS35-01 - PRIMARY CARE MEDICINE AND CL-PSYCHIATRY - LESSONS FROM THE UK

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We discuss the possibility of shared care between primary care and secondary care, first of all from the literature, then from the experience of having set up such a service in Luton Bedfordshire, using a group of community mental health nurses who were members of both the Psychiatrist's and the General Practitioner's teams.

In particular we focus on the treatment of Depression. We discuss the advantages and the acceptability of such services, and look to the future with the possibility of telemedicine making consultation -liason between primary and secondary care more easy to organise.