

Introduction: Deliberate self-harm (DSH) is a strong indicator of psychological distress and constitutes a significant risk factor for subsequent mortalities.

Objectives: In this study we want to gain insights into cause-specific mortalities in self-harming patients and to disentangle important factors differentiating the risks so that to inform follow-up care and mortality prevention.

Methods: Retrospective data from nationwide registries were inter-linked to follow all patients presenting to specialist healthcare with non-fatal DSH from January 2008 through December 2018. Data on cause of death, personal socioeconomic status, clinical features of DSH and other medical covariates were retrieved. The Fine and Gray competing risks model was used to identify significant factors impacting subsequent mortality risk by specific causes of death in the cohort.

Results: The cohort of 43153 DSH patients comprised 24286 females and 18867 males, with 45.3% being 10-34 years old, 38.1% being 35-64 years old and 16.6% above 65 years old at index DSH episode. Of these patients, 7041 died during the follow-up period, including 2290 within the first 1-year, corresponding to a mortality rate of 31.9 per 1000 person-years in the follow-up period and 54.9 per 1000 person-years in the first year. Common causes of death included suicide (n=911), other external causes (n=1020), cancer (n=896), cardiovascular diseases (n=1523), respiratory disease (n=787) and mental and substance misuse disorders (n=463), but the causes of death varied greatly by age groups and other factors. The risk of dying by suicide was highly associated with middle-age, male gender, tertiary education, psychiatric history, and DSH by injury, clear intent of self-harm, comorbid affective or personality disorder, referral to psychiatric treatment, as well as DSH repetition during the period of follow-up. Significant risk factors for death by other external causes included male gender, old or middle age, single marital status, lowest quartile income, history of psychiatric treatment, and DSH by injury and comorbid substance misuse. For death by natural causes, the relative risk was highest among the elderly and the middle-aged, with other significant risk factors including male gender, single marital status, low education, lowest quartile income, and comorbid substance misuse. Attendance in psychiatric treatment after DSH appeared to be beneficial reducing the risk for mortality by suicide, other external causes and natural causes as well.

Conclusions: Patients with DSH represent a high-risk group for suicide, other external and natural cause mortalities. Mental healthcare is essential in follow-up care and personalized care should take into account patients' socio-demographic background and clinical features of self-harm.

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Co-design of a digital violence prevention and management tool for psychiatric inpatient care: focus on supporting integration into electronic health record system

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Introduction: Violence in psychiatric inpatient settings is a global challenge. Several methods have been developed and tested to help staff prevent the occurrence of violence on the wards. One novel and effective method is eDASA+APP, originating from Australian forensic psychiatric settings (Maguire *et al.* Int J Ment Health Nurs 2019; 281186-1197, Griffith *et al.* Psychiatr Serv 2021; 72 885-890). This electronic method contains an instrument (DASA) to assess the risk for imminent violence and includes evidence-based violence risk management methods for risk levels. It is important to ensure that this electronic intervention is integrated into daily clinical practice. This can be done in co-design between all that are involved e.g., staff and experts by experience, and by encouraging them to achieve a common goal and gain benefits by working together.

Objectives: This prevention gives an overview of how the Finnish version of eDASA+APP was co-designed with healthcare staff and experts by experience, focusing on integration into the electronic patient health record system. The presentation is part of a larger research project testing eDASA+APP in Finnish psychiatric inpatient care.

Methods: Co-design workshops focusing on three major themes: 1) identifying current practices and how eDASA+APP would fit in those, 2) producing a linguistically and culturally appropriate version of eDASA+APP, and 3) preferred use of eDASA+APP in an electronic patient health record system. Notes were kept during the workshops by researchers. Qualitative material were analysed with deductive content analysis. Results from the third theme are shared in this presentation.

Results: Staff and experts by experience described that integration of eDASA+APP in electronic patient health record system is supported if it 1) brings clear and fast information to the staff about the violence risk of a patient, 2) is a visible measure that is concretely in sight in electronic patient health record system, 3) provides information about which violence prevention and management interventions have worked with a patient, 4) involves patient preferences, and 5) consist of joint decisions that have been agreed multi-professionally.

Conclusions: Integration of eDASA+APP in the electronic patient health record system has the potential to succeed if it is realized in cooperation with staff and experts by experience, is technically easy to use, and the users have an understanding of its benefits to everyone involved.

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Guidance on how to involve people with lived experience in research on digital mental health interventions

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Introduction: Digital technologies and interventions (defined as patient-facing or self-administered interventions delivered through a digital platform) have an increasing role in mental health care. It is key to ensure that appropriate patient and public involvement (PPI) is not overlooked when developing new digital mental health interventions (DMHIs). The unique perspective offered by those with lived experience can improve study conduct and design as well as ensure that interventions meet the needs of users, which may improve their quality and acceptability.

Objectives: To develop guidance for the involvement of people with lived experience of severe mental illness in designing and conducting research on DMHIs.

Methods: Four co-production workshops were arranged online with people who have lived experience of severe mental illness. Initial ideas were formulated in the first workshop and were then prioritised in the second workshop using the nominal group technique. The prioritised ideas were then refined in workshops three and four. Minutes were generated from each workshop and were validated by the those who took part. These minutes were analysed using thematic analysis.

Results: Nineteen people with lived experience participated in the co-production workshops overall. Six people took part in one workshop only and 13 took part in multiple workshops. Two main themes were identified in this study: why do people become and remain involved in PPI?; and what areas should be discussed within PPI consultations? Three subthemes associated with the second theme were also identified. These are: areas related to specific types of DMHI; areas related to any type of DMHI; and what can make a difference within DMHIs? To ensure that people become and remain interested in PPI around DMHIs, it is important to provide a non-judgemental space for people with lived experience to discuss any concerns and ensure they feel valued during consultations. Aspects to consider discussing in PPI consultations around the development of DMHIs include the provision of safety and security within DMHIs, issues around digital exclusion and the potential impact of people's symptoms on DMHI use. Finally, points that were identified as important to consider when developing DMHIs include offering encouragement throughout the DMHI, accommodating for individual and collective needs within DMHIs and developing a structure within the DMHI which includes adding in attainable goals.

Conclusions: If used, the information provided from this study can generate positive and productive PPI consultations where those with lived experience can make significant contributions to the development of DMHIs. Such contributions will increase the acceptability and efficacy of the DMHIs developed.

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The Online Support System for Mental Health Problems After the Earthquake: A Prompt Response from The Psychiatric Association of Turkey

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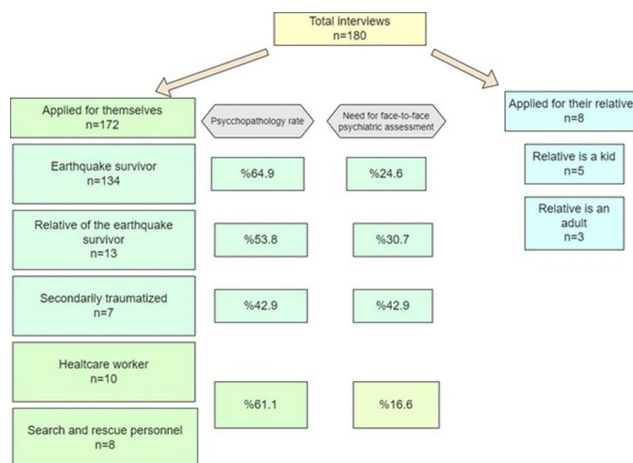
Introduction: Previous research demonstrated that disasters have adverse mental health outcomes. Preventive mental health interventions in the golden hours/days after a disaster may reduce psychological harm by getting in the way of emerging mental disorders or alleviating existing ones. The widespread use of smartphones and broad internet access enabled remote mental health interventions during disasters. After the 2023 Turkey earthquake, observing the mental health burden of the earthquake, The Psychiatric Association of Turkey conducted an online platform for psychological first aid. The aim was to unite volunteer psychiatrists and disaster survivors.

Objectives: This study presents the organization of an online mental health service during a disaster while reporting the characteristics of the service users.

Methods: The Psychiatric Association of Turkey called its members to volunteer for an Online Support System for Mental Problems After the Earthquake. The group regularly united to set standards of care. An action plan and algorithm were set up for applicants with acute suicidal, homicidal risk, or active psychotic symptoms in collaboration with local institutions and field volunteers. Volunteer psychiatrists were asked to collect information on the applicant's sociodemographic characteristics, disaster experience, and mental health status.

Results: Volunteer psychiatrists collected data on 180 applications. Most cases applied for themselves (%95.5), and some asked for advice to care for their relatives (%4.5). Earthquake survivors have the highest psychopathology rate (%64.9), followed by healthcare workers and search and rescue personnel (%61.1). Figure 1 summarizes the subgroups of the service users. The earthquake survivors group had a mean age of 34.45, % and 76.1 of them were female. Only %15.7 of them had lower educational levels than high school. %75 cases reached safe places on the 5th day of the disaster. Applicants reported discrimination and aggression after the catastrophe, related to experiencing mental health problems, owning a pet, looting, and being seen as less traumatized since their relatives are alive.

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Conclusions: The present experience of the Psychiatric Association of Turkey is an example of a fast and collaborative response to a disaster regarding mental health. Our results also represent the characteristics of online mental health service users during a disaster.

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