

Course ID: CMEC18

Community psychiatry in Britain and Sweden: Comparisons in service delivery between different countries

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Educational Objectives: The course will encourage clinician reflection on the style of their own service delivery, and promote the sharing of different models of care.

Course description: The course will give a description of three different community psychiatric services based in urban and semi-rural settings. Each speaker will describe their own service in the context of the population size, level of deprivation, service caseload and diagnostic groupings serviced. The presentation of the service will include data and also video footage. Information about the nature of health care delivery in the country will also be described in outline. The detail provided will demonstrate the different priorities and resources available in these settings. The impact of legal requirements for treatment and limitations on clinical practice influenced by mental health law in Britain and Sweden will also be considered.

Such a frank presentation of current British and Swedish clinical practice will provide a touchstone by which participants will be able to judge clinical papers in journals from these countries when reading about the delivery of community psychiatry.

From this base, participants will be encouraged to discuss their own service and share their successes and difficulties. There will be sufficient time and opportunity for discussion around the personal and professional challenges of community psychiatry. Participants are expected to engage in an interactive fashion with the presenters with an expectation that issues raised in the workshop will influence personal practice for all present; this will not be a didactic lecture on how to do community psychiatry!

Educational methods and course material: Presentations will use video film of some services, while data will be presented using PowerPoint (supplemented by handouts).

Target audience: Clinicians (of different professional backgrounds) working in general adult psychiatry. Participants need not be working in community settings (yet!), and participation from a wide variety of different countries is desirable.

Course level: Experience in Psychiatry is necessary.