

A Descriptive Survey Study of Violence Management and Priorities among Psychiatric Staff in Mental Health Services, Across Seventeen European Countries

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For which topic were research priorities identified?

violence management practices

In which location was the research priority setting conducted?

Asia - Turkey; Europe - Belgium; Europe - Bulgaria; Europe - Denmark; Europe - Germany; Europe - Greece; Europe - Iceland; Europe - Ireland; Europe - Netherlands; Europe - Norway; Europe - Portugal; Europe - Romania; Europe - Serbia; Europe - Sweden; Europe - Switzerland; Europe - United Kingdom

Why was it conducted at all?

In mental health services what is commonplace across international frontiers is that to prevent aggressive patients from harming themselves, other patients or staff, coercive measures and foremost, violence management strategies are required. There is no agreement, recommendations or direction from the EU on which measures of coercion should be practiced across EU countries, and there is no overall one best practice approach.

What was the objective?

to incorporate an EU and multidisciplinary response in the determination of violence management practices and related research and education priorities across 17 European countries

What was the outcome?

a ranking list of 10 research topics

How long did the research prioritization take?

No information provided.

Which methods were used to identify research priorities?

Delphi

How were the priorities for research identified exactly?

Step 1: Delphi round 1: participants were asked to list the greatest challenges for mental health professionals in managing violence as well as the priorities for education and the priorities for research in mental health. Step 2: data processing: content analysis. Step 2: Delphi round 2: participants were asked to rate priority. Step 3: Delphi round 3: participants were asked to re-rate priority

Which stakeholders took part?

Mental health professionals. 2739 participants: 1598 nurses, 295 psychiatrists, 195 psychologists, 110 administration, 109 social workers, 62 occupational therapists, 44 counsellors, 39 acute psychiatry in psychiatric hospital 24 academics, 23 physiotherapists, 290 other therapists

How were stakeholders recruited?

The sampling approach to data collection was convenience with respondents self-selecting. Survey link was sent by the national coordinator to a cross-section of mental health professional and service organizations in the country. Each organization was requested to forward the email URL survey link to its individual members.

Were stakeholders actively involved or did they just participate?

Stakeholders were mere participants of the research prioritization process; they were not actively involved in the process.