

BEST PRACTICE IN PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH IN SOCIALY MARGINALISED PEOPLE IN EUROPE (PROMO)

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Background

PROMO (Best Practice in Promoting Mental Health in Socially Marginalised People in Europe) is funded by the European Commission and is being conducted in 14 European capitals. The focus of the project is on the delivery of health and social care for people with mental health problems who belong to one of the six following groups: (1) long-term unemployed; (2) homeless; (3) prostitutes/sex workers; (4) asylum seekers/refugees; (5) illegal immigrants; (6) travellers.

Research Aims

To formulate policy recommendations and identify best practice for the promotion of mental health amongst socially marginalised people in Europe. This will be achieved through the analysis of quantitative and qualitative data collected on relevant policies, legislation, services and systems of services in each country.

Research Methods

1. To review policies and legislation in each country related to promoting mental health and preventing mental ill-health amongst socially marginalised groups.
2. To select the two most deprived areas in each capital city in order to:
 - a) obtain information via a structured interview with services, both statutory and voluntary, which provide health and social care in these areas for marginalised people with mental health problems (e.g. the organisation of each service, its clients, components of care, coordination with other services and funding arrangements)
 - b) assess the overall quality of care in these areas by conducting semi-structured interviews with relevant experts in relation to each marginalised group
 - c) use these data to identify good practice on the level of services and systems of services
3. To identify and conduct interviews with experts from the 13 non-participating EU countries to ascertain whether the services and systems of services in their countries are similar or differ to the ones identified in the PROMO project. This workpackage is specific to the Health Promotion Research Centre.

Progress to Date

- All aspects of the data collection and analysis have been completed.
- A summary and full report of the Irish and related European findings have been completed and disseminated to Irish stakeholders.
- A summary and full report of the systems of services in the non-participating countries has been completed and forwarded to the relevant stakeholders.
- An analysis of the assessment of services data from all participating countries has been completed and presented to a group of international stakeholders in Rome.

Key Publications and Reports

Canavan, R. & Barry, M. M. (2010). *PROMO Project Feedback from Ireland: Full report*. Health Promotion Research Centre, NUI Galway.

Canavan, R. & Barry, M.M. (2010). *PROMO WP9 Report: An analysis of the systems of services in non-participating capitals*. Health Promotion Research Centre, NUI Galway. Further details are available on the PROMO website: www.promostudy.org/