



School of Population Health

Research Project

Project title: SHAReD

Background / rationale: Consumers of mental health services tend to have poor physical health which could be improved with better integration of care with general practice. An electronic shared care (ESC) tool is being trialled in the Sydney Local Health District to improve preventive care for consumers of mental health services.

Aim: To improve preventive health care for people with severe mental illness

Objective: To improve shared care between mental health services and GPs

Methods: The student would conduct their own small study within the context of a larger, mixed methods intervention trial.

The larger study is a pragmatic RCT investigating the impact of the ESC tool on preventive care, integrated care, health service use and health risks.

The student project would likely use qualitative methods to conduct process evaluation. For example:

1. Barriers and enablers to intervention implementation
2. Participant perspectives on shared care and the ESC tool
3. What happens to consumers who do not have a GP?

Anticipated outcomes / significance (point form): A research report with recommendations for intervention development with potential for publication.

Timeframe: Full year - 2022 (PHCM9148 Research Project - 12 UoC)

If you are interested in undertaking this special research project, please contact one of the supervisors.

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