Evaluation of New Ways of Working (NWW) in Psychiatric Services in United Kingdom (UK): would it work in Iraq?

Abstract

In the UK there is a new trend to change the role of the Consultants Psychiatrist to delegate more direct responsibilities to the Multidisciplinary Team. This is to save Consultant time, to provide more support, concentrate on more complex cases as well as direct involvement in the management of psychiatric services. This will be supported by many studies in the UK and overseas.

Staff burn out was found to be reduced.

Objectives: To evaluate the impact of the New Ways of Working in UK with particular regard of the reconfiguration of psychiatric services, impact on staff and patients.

Methods: Research Literature about New Ways of Working in UK was reviewed. New Ways of Working will be compared and contrasted with the traditional Ways of working in psychiatry.

The way of reconfiguration process in North Lincolnshire (UK) will be presented. Pros and cons will be scrutinised.

Results: The role of psychiatrists has changed dramatically as well with NWW. The Psychiatrist are delegating more clinical work to other team members under supervision. This has allowed the psychiatrist to deal with a smaller but more complex clinical caseload. Consultant Psychiatrists are now more actively involved in the management of structural changes in psychiatric services.

New Ways of Working (NWW) has changed the configuration of psychiatric services in UK. Can this be applied to the psychiatric Service Iraq?

Hence participants will be invited to discuss the applicability of the New Ways of Working and function of services in the Iraqi Mental Health Service and in the other Arabic countries.