

For each participating service, the Quality Network collects data from a range of people in order to create a picture of the quality of care provided:

- patients
- members of the mental health team
- senior managers
- prison staff
- partner agencies

Information is collected via self-review data, anonymous questionnaire responses, structured meetings and observations made as part of a peer-review visit.

Benefits

Benefits of membership include:

- Visits to other services to learn and share good practice;
- The opportunity to benchmark your practices against other similar services;
- Receipt of a detailed service report and a national aggregated report;
- The opportunity to attend Network events, workshops and training days to enable learning and information sharing, including a dedicated annual forum;
- Access to a dedicated newsletter and email discussion group.

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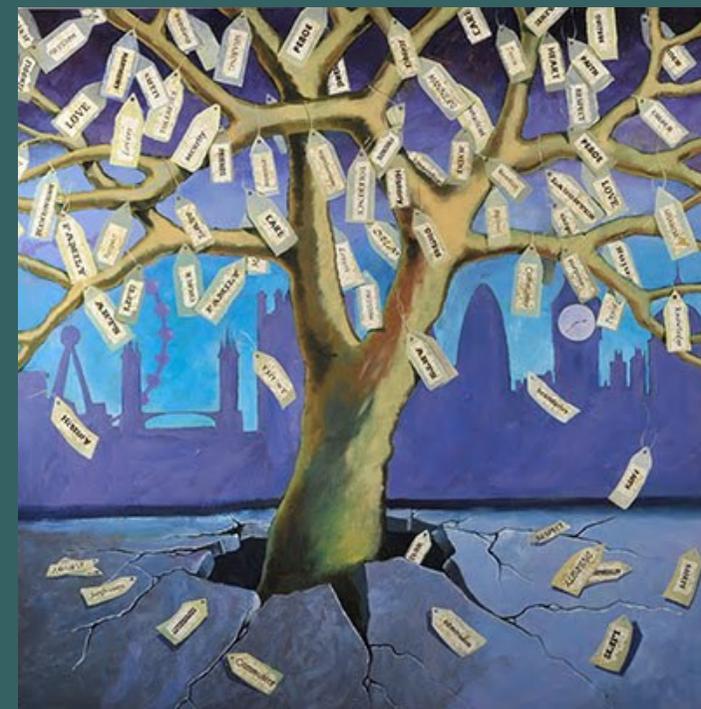
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What is the Quality Network for Prison Mental Health Services?

The Network was established by the Royal College of Psychiatrists' Centre for Quality Improvement in order to promote quality improvement in the field of prison mental health. Member services are reviewed against published specialist standards.

Our purpose is to support and engage individuals and services in a process of quality improvement as part of an annual review cycle. We report on the quality of mental health care provided in prison settings and allow services to benchmark their practices against other similar services. We promote the sharing and learning of best practice and support services in planning improvements for the future.

The Network is governed by a group of professionals who represent key interests and areas of expertise in the field of prison mental health, and service-users who have experience of using these services.



The Review Process

1. Self-review: The service gathers information and data against each of the standards. This includes self-reporting, questionnaire responses and the submission of policies and documentation.
2. Peer-review: A visiting team of peers from other services meets with staff members, patients and individuals from partner agencies to assess the team against the standards.
3. Tailored Service Report: The team receives a report highlighting areas of achievement and challenge, and recommendations for improvement.

4: Action Planning: The service is asked to develop an action plan based on the report findings.

5: Annual Forum and Report: The findings from each cycle are presented at an annual forum and published as a report.

Get Involved

The Quality Network for Prison Mental Health Services is a subscription-based project. Participation costs £2200 + VAT per service per year (August-July). A discount may be available where three or more services from a trust or organisation sign up.

For more information, visit:

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