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Conference Abstract

Team based approaches to supporting Mental health in primary care settings

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Abstract

Purpose: To develop a critical awareness, increase knowledge and skills of mental health and mental health issues among primary care staff, and to identify networks that support primary care staff to empower individuals, families and communities to understand and respond to mental health issues

Context: The module content seeks to address educational needs associated with preparing primary care staff to address the health and welfare of people with mental health care needs in primary healthcare settings. This new module will assist primary care teams in the implementation of recommendations outlined in Chapter 7 of 'A vision for Change' (2006), and action area of 'Reach Out- The national strategy for Suicide Prevention' (2005).

State of the art: The need and demand for this provision became apparent in the context of recent policy changes to mental health care in Ireland. In 2001 the Irish Government launched a Primary Care A New Direction (DOH& C 2001) which promoted an interdisciplinary approach to the provision care in primary healthcare.

Statements for debate: We need to educate all primary care staff to support and work with patients who have mental health issues.

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