

CURRENT MENTAL HEALTH PROVISION FOR DEAF PEOPLE



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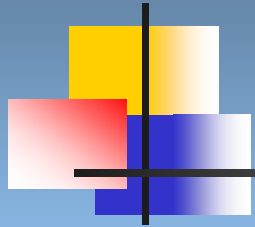
The Uniqueness Of The Deaf Community

- “Deaf Community” - demographic, linguistic, political, psychological and sociological dimensions.
- Britain’s Deaf community shares characteristics, common experiences, beliefs.
- Deaf community bonds through a common language (BSL) and a shared culture.



Deafness: A Cultural Approach

- Not a disability model
- Language
- Culture
- Development
- Values and norms within the Deaf community



Cross-Cultural Issues

- Misdiagnosis
- Possible different rates of disorder
- Difficulties in accessing the Criminal Justice System
- Barriers to accessing services
- Differences in help-seeking behaviours
- Courts
- Prisons



Mental Health and Deafness

Towards Equity and Access

Department of Health, March 2005



BACKGROUND

July 2002: Department of Health launch *Sign of the Times* consultation process

November 2003: RNID & UK Council on Deafness research deaf people's experiences when accessing the NHS

March 2004: RNID *A Simple Cure* Report launched

March 2005: Department of Health *Towards Equity and Access* Report launched



Towards Equity and Access

“The Government has committed an additional £2.5 million to help the National Health Service implement the recommendations.”

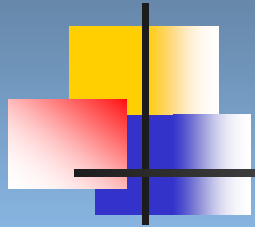
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26 Recommendations

Some require national initiatives

Some require action by the Specialist Services

Most require action by Primary Care Trusts



Scottish Executive

Community Care and Mental Health Services for
Adults with Sensory Impairment in Scotland

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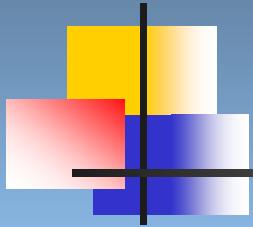


EEC Study – Childhood Deafness

T Martin et al

- 3000 – Children
- 29% – Disability
- 9.9% - Intellectual impairment

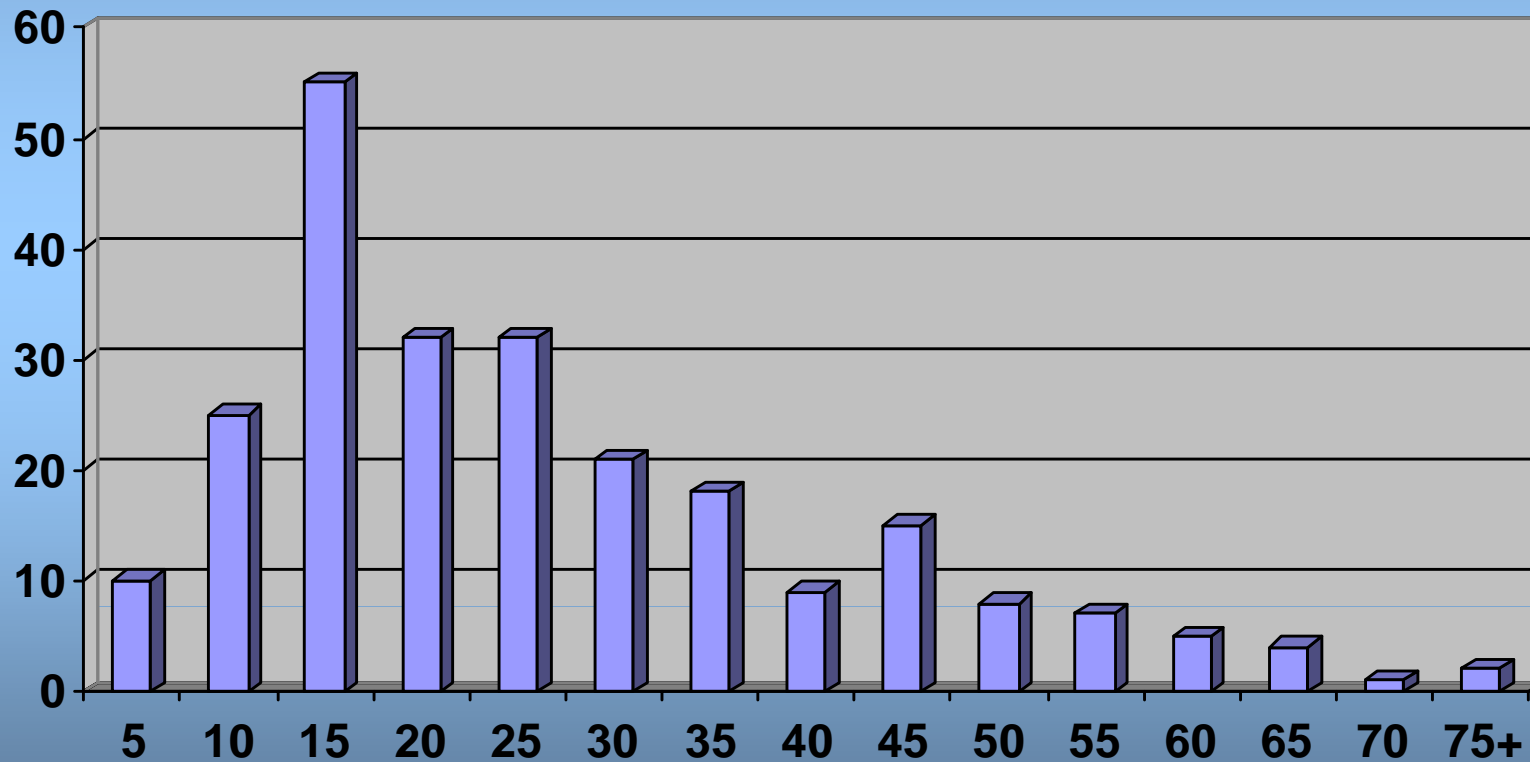
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IMPLICATIONS - IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- Findings → Education
- Psychological
- Social Work
- Sign Language

Ages of 250 Referrals (Denmark 1985)

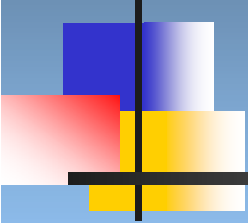


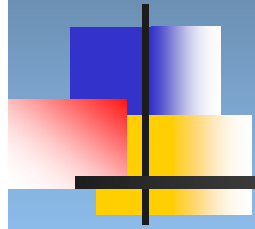


Assessment of Deaf People

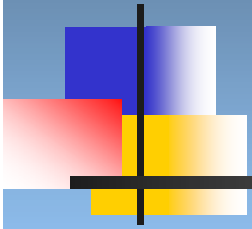
- Deafness
- Developmental Issues
- Modes of Communication
- Family Dynamics
- Intellectual Level
- Educational Issues
- Mental Disorder
- Forensic Issues

Hospital Beds For Deaf People

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- Adult Mental Health Beds
 - Birmingham
 - London
 - Manchester
 - High Secure Beds — Rampton Hospital
 - Secure Beds
 - Alpha, Bury
 - St Mary's, Warrington
 - Open Rehab Beds — James Pullen Unit



John Denmark Unit Manchester



Denmark House

Birmingham



The National Deaf Service

- A mental health service for deaf people
- Separate child and adult services
- Provides services in Users' own language: mainly BSL but also SSE





The Adult National Deaf Service

Covers southern third of
England

- A psychotherapy team
- A 14 bedded inpatient unit
- A community team
- An assertive outreach team called 'DEST'
- Outpatient service with local and distant clinics





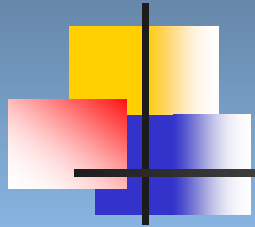
Deaf Unit Rampton Hospital

- High secure Deaf unit opened February 2006
- Ten male patients
- All profoundly deaf
- Mentally disordered
- Serious offences or violence require high secure care
- All detained under Mental Health Act 1983



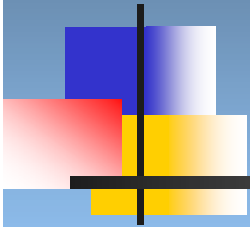
Patients In Rampton Hospital

- Different diagnoses
 - mental illness
 - personality disorder
 - learning disability
- Offences include
 - homicide
 - arson
 - rape
 - firearms offences
 - child sexual abuse
 - serious interpersonal violence
- Admitted from prisons/secure units
- Length of stay 9 months – 19 years

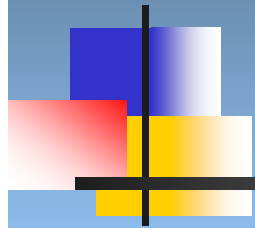


Therapies in Rampton Hospital

- Regular community meeting
- Therapeutic groups eg substance misuse, anger management, coping skills
- Psychology & Art therapy
- Education & Workshops
- **Ultimate aim – safe move to medium security**



Alpha Hospitals, Bury
Medium Secure Services
Low Secure Services



St George Healthcare Group

Medium Secure Beds

Low Secure Beds

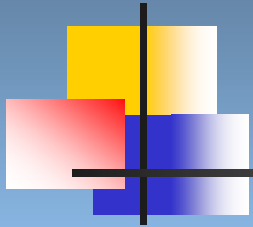
High Dependency Beds (JP)

Community Placements

JAMES HENRY PULLEN

The Genius of Earlswood Asylum





JP - Skills

- Expert craftsman
- Detailed drawings glazed and framed
- 2 workshops - freedom to pursue talents
- King Edward (POW) sent tusks of ivory to produce carvings
- Painting graciously approved and accepted by the Queen



JP - Behaviour

Dr Sequin

- Alternatively wild and sullen
- Suspicious of strangers
- Ill tempered and violent (at times)
- Devised alarm system based on sensitivity to make him aware of any approaching visitor



James Henry Pullen (Lessons)

- A paradox of ability and disability
- Captured the interest of royalty, doctors and the public
- Lack of mental abilities
- Character deficiencies
- Behavioural problems
- Risk to others

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St George Healthcare Group (James Pullen Unit)

- Services for Deaf people from a culturally Deaf perspective
- BSL as first language of the service
- Training for Deaf and Hearing staff
- A care pathway for Deaf people with complex needs



Expertise And Skills

- Deaf Centred Therapy
- Effective Communication
- Risk Assessment and Management
- Mental Health Diagnoses
- Knowledge and skills in Forensic Mental Health



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Clinically Managed Social Care

- Individual Care Plans
- Sex Offender Treatment Programme (SOTP)
- Substance Misuse Work
- Offence Related Work
- Anger Management
- Occupational Therapy



Wit and Wisdom of Rummy

“As we know, there are known known's;
things we know we know.

We also know there are known unknowns;
that is to say we know there are some
things we do not know.

But there are also unknown unknowns –
the ones we don't know we don't know.”

Donald Rumsfeld ex US Defence Secretary



“DEATH BY POWERPOINT”

Nickname for the soporific effect
the visual aid has on meetings –
and now backed by research
showing it really can send you
to sleep