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The Australian national mental health recovery framework: A journey for clinicians, consumers, carers and administrators

The recovery orientated mental health services have been a priority for consumers and carers in many countries. In Australia the consumer/career voice was represented strongly at a National Safety and quality committee and a commitment made to develop a National Mental Health Recovery Framework. This presentation explores the concept of Recovery and the collaborative efforts in planning, producing and releasing the National Framework. There is then reflection on the impact in a mental health service and the challenge of policy versus practice is highlighted. There is still much to be done, but Recovery can be an exciting journey!

Biography

Peter Norrie has held clinical management positions since 2002 and is currently the Chief Psychiatrist and Director of Clinical Services for Mental Health, Justice Health and Alcohol & Drug Services, ACT Health. In addition, he is an Adjunct Associate Professor of Psychiatry at The Australian National University Medical School and is also a jurisdictional member of the Safety and Quality Partnership Standing Committee of the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council. (This committee launched the National Mental Health Recovery Framework in 2013). He is an ACT and bi-national representative on a number of committees for the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists. He has clinical and research interests in schizophrenia and psychopharmacology. He has also focused on support for international medical graduates and education and training for colleagues, registrars and general practitioners.

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