A pilot randomised controlled trial of the CD-ROM based intervention for carers of people with anorexia nervosa (AN)

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Plain English summary of protocol

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Study information

Scientific Title

Study objectives

Carers randomised to receive the computerised intervention will show greater improvements on primary and secondary outcomes compared to the group receiving EDA support.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

Study design

Pilot randomised controlled trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Anorexia nervosa (AN)

Interventions

CD ROM group: The computerised intervention for carers of people with anorexia nervosa has been developed in the SLaM Eating Disorders Unit. This CD-ROM contains 9 interactive modules, which teach carers disease- and self-management skills. It includes information on how to communicate with the young person about their AN, how to support them at meal times to facilitate weight gain and re-establish healthy eating, how to manage crises and conflict, how to assess and manage risk, information on the use of the mental health act, how to address the carers' own needs, how to work with NHS and voluntary services and the role of different practitioners in the Eating Disorders team.

EDA support group: Informal support will be accessed from the EDA (EDA-support) via their helplines and carer support groups where available.

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Applicable

Primary outcome(s)

Carer-related measures: Hospital Anxiety and Depression scale (Zigmond & Snaith, 1983)

Key secondary outcome(s))

Standard Family Interview for Expressed Emotion (Hodes et al., 1991); Carer Coping (Pearlin et al., 1991), Experience of Care Giving (Szmukler et al., 1996); MEPS-ED (Platt et al., 1975), uptake

of CD-ROM; attitudes to self-help (Williams et al., unpublished). These measures will be given prior to the carer intervention and 3 months later.

Completion date

30/06/2006

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

Carers of patients with AN and eating disorder not otherwise specified (EDNOS) AN recruited via the Eating Disorders Association (EDA)

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Sex

All

Key exclusion criteria

Carers of people with other eating disorders

Date of first enrolment

30/06/2005

Date of final enrolment

30/06/2006

Locations

Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

England

Study participating centre Section of Eating Disorders

London United Kingdom SE5 8AF

Sponsor information

Organisation

King's College London (UK)

ROR

https://ror.org/0220mzb33

Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

Health Services Research Committee South London and Maudsley NHS Trust (UK)

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

Study outputs

| Output type | Details | Date created Date added | Peer reviewed? | Patient-facing? |
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| Results article | results | 01/12/2011 | Yes | No |
| Participant information sheet | Participant information sheet | 11/11/2025 11/11/2025 | No | Yes |