Social Worker Focused Psychological Strategies

Recruitment status No longer recruiting	Prospectively registered			
	∐ Protocol			
Overall study status	Statistical analysis plan			
Completed	[X] Results			
Condition category	Individual participant data			
	No longer recruiting Overall study status Completed			

Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

Contact information

Type(s)

Scientific

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Additional identifiers

Protocol serial number

N/A

Study information

Scientific Title

Optimising allied health psychological treatments in primary health care: piloting a randomised controlled trial of social worker training in focused psychological strategies

Acronym

SWFPS

Study objectives

Social workers (SW) trained for skills in focused psychological treatments will show greater improvements in psychological skills than untrained SW, as rated on the Cognitive Therapy Rating Scale (CTS).

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Behavioural and Social Sciences Human Ethics Sub-Committee approved on the 8th May 2009 (ref: 0830922)

Study design

Randomised controlled trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Mental health skills

Interventions

Social worker's names will be placed in an envelope and selected at random by the research coordinator, allocating them alternately to intervention (training group) or control group:

Intervention:

Face to face teaching sessions. Three 5-hour sessions involving role plays, and video examples facilitated by a mental health expert.

Control:

Training as usual. The control group are also offered the training (delivered in separate sessions to the intervention group) as incentive for participation.

Total duration of treatment (intervention group): three sessions of training held on consecutive Wednesdays 22/07/2009, 29/07/2009 and 05/08/2009

Total duration of follow-up: conducted on 12/08/2009, one week after the final training session

Intervention Type

Other

Phase

Not Applicable

Primary outcome(s)

Competence on standardised consultations video-taped and rated by two blind reviewers using the Cognitive Therapy Scale, measured on 22/07/2009 and 05/08/2009.

Key secondary outcome(s))

Confidence in FPS on pre- and post-surveys, measured 09/07/2009 and 16/07/2009 for the control group, and 17/07/2009 and 07/08/2009 for the intervention group.

Completion date

01/12/2009

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

Registered Social Workers (adults over 18 years of age, either sex) in Victoria

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Lower age limit

18 years

Sex

All

Total final enrolment

40

Key exclusion criteria

Non-Victorian Social Workers

Date of first enrolment

01/01/2009

Date of final enrolment

01/12/2009

Locations

Countries of recruitment

Australia

Study participating centre Senior Research Fellow in Global Health

Victoria, Melbourne Australia 3010

Sponsor information

Organisation

The Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute (APHCRI) (Australia)

ROR

https://ror.org/019wvm592

Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

The Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute (APHCRI) (Australia)

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?
Results article	results	05/11/2010	10/07/2019	Yes	No
Participant information sheet	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes