

Treatment effects in clients of the Forensic Psychiatric Clinic in Assen

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Ethical review	Approved WMO
Status	Recruiting
Health condition type	Personality disorders and disturbances in behaviour
Study type	Observational non invasive

Summary

ID

NL-OMON29920

Source

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Brief title

Treatment efficacy at the FPK-Assen

Condition

- Personality disorders and disturbances in behaviour

Synonym

psychiatric/personality disorders in forensic patients; mental disturbances

Research involving

Human

Sponsors and support

Primary sponsor: GGZ Drenthe (Assen)

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: GGZ Drenthe

Intervention

Keyword: efficacy, forensic, inpatients, treatment

Outcome measures

Primary outcome

The following set of hypothesis will be examined during the patient's stay in the clinic:

- do the mental/psychiatric problems diminish?
- does the patient exhibit less aggressive behaviour?
- does social functioning improve?
- is the risk of committing a crime reduced?
- does the number of aggressive incidents decrease?

After the patient leaves the clinic the following hypothesis will be examined:

- are the reductions in mental/psychiatric problems maintained?
- does the decrease in aggressive behaviour persist?
- does social functioning maintain at a relatively high level?
- does the risk of committing a crime remain low?
- no recidivism?

In addition to this, at the end of the treatment in the clinic it will be examined how satisfied/unsatisfied the patients are with the treatment and the different parts of the treatment by means of a questionnaire.

In the future it will be examined if DNA polymorphisms contribute to the existence of psychiatric/personality disturbances and/or the efficacy of medication and other therapies.

Secondary outcome

not applicable

Study description

Background summary

The patients who are admitted to the Forensic Psychiatric Clinic (FPK) in Assen are convicted of a crime or are at risk of committing a crime. The patients are admitted to the clinic for assessment, intervention during a crisis, Pro Justitia reports or treatment. The aim of the treatment at the FPK Assen is to reduce the symptoms of the mental disorder of the patient to the standards of today's treatment possibilities.

The FPK requested the Research Department of the Division Forensic Psychiatry of the GGZ-Drenthe to evaluate the efficacy of the treatment programme offered to the patients with objective and standardised instruments and methods and to investigate the stability of the treatment effects after release from the clinic.

To investigate the efficacy of the treatment at the FPK we selected questionnaires and assessment instruments which will be completed by the patients and therapists 6 weeks after admission, then once a year and shortly before release. During the follow-up part of this study patients will complete the questionnaires and will be interviewed every second year for at least 6 years after release.

Study objective

The primary objective of this study is to examine the efficacy of the treatments at the FPK in Assen.

Study design

Every patient who will be admitted for treatment to the clinic after the start of this investigation will be asked to participate in this study. 6 Weeks after the intake, an interview will take place, 10ml blood will be taken once only

and the patient and therapist will fill out some questionnaires. Every year after the admission to the clinic a measurement/assessment point will take place in the form of a Routine Outcome Assessment (ROA). With ROA systematic feedback is given of information concerning the mental status of the patient and his/her developments (Mulder et al, 2004; Wiersma et al, 2005). This information will be measured with standardised and suitable instruments for the clinical practise. Some of these instruments will be completed by the therapists and some by the patients around the same time.

After the patient has left the clinic every 2 years a follow-up measurement will take place. The follow-up assessment consists of an interview with the patient by the research employees of the FPK together with a former sociotherapist of the patient. In addition to the interview the patient will fill out the same questionnaires as in the clinic. Also a family member or acquaintance of the patient will be approached in order to get information concerning the patient's functioning.

No medication, medical instruments or psychosocial interventions are involved in this study.

Mulder CL, Staring ABP, Loos J, Buwalda VJA, Kuijpers D, Sytema S, Wierdsma AI. De Health of the Nation Outcome Scales (HoNOS) als instrument van routine outcome assessment. Tijdschr Psychiatrie 2004; 46: 273-84.

Wiersma D, Sytema S. Routine Outcome Assessment (ROA) and Management in de Geestelijke Gezondheidszorg. In: A. Schene, F. Boer, T.J. Heeren, J.P.C. Jaspers, B. Sabbe, J. van Weeghel, B. Sabbe (red) Jaarboek Psychiatrie en Psychotherapie, Bohn Stafleu van Lochum, Houten, 2005, 305-17.

Study burden and risks

not applicable

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Trial sites

Listed location countries

Netherlands

Eligibility criteria

Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

Inclusion criteria

Inpatients of the FPK in Assen

Exclusion criteria

If the patient does not want to participate in this study

If the duration of the admission to the FPK is less than 6 months

If the patient is not admitted to the clinic for treatment purposes

Study design

Design

Study type: Observational non invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Treatment

Recruitment

NL
Recruitment status: Recruiting
Start date (anticipated): 01-12-2006
Enrollment: 300
Type: Actual

Ethics review

Approved WMO
Date: 11-09-2006
Application type: First submission
Review commission: METIGG: Medisch Ethische Toetsingscommissie Instellingen Geestelijke Gezondheidszorg (Utrecht)

Study registrations

Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

In other registers

Register	ID
CCMO	NL12908.097.06