

The course of the mental health and quality of life of maltreated children between 5 and 16 years old over a 1,5 year period after they have been reported to a CPA.

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

Summary

ID

NL-OMON39191

Source

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Brief title

The course of the mental health and quality of life of maltreated children

Condition

- Personality disorders and disturbances in behaviour

Synonym

child abuse and neglect, child maltreatment

Research involving

Human

Sponsors and support

Primary sponsor: Trimbos-instituut

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: ZonMw

Intervention

Keyword: child maltreatment, mental health, quality of life

Outcome measures

Primary outcome

For children:

- mental health
- quality of life

Secondary outcome

For children:

- perceived stress
- perceived social support
- coping
- self-esteem
- disclosure history

For the parent:

- quality of life
- perceived stress in the upbringing of the children
- perceived social support
- coping
- life events

- neighborhood perception
- gender related stress
- alcohol consumption

Background variables include gender, age, ethnical background, education level, current living situation, income, neighborhood characteristics and participation in (health care) interventions.

Study description

Background summary

Evidence is accumulating on the relationship between child abuse and the future presence of mental health problems. Recently two Dutch studies have been published, in which it was estimated that in The Netherlands between 107.000 and 160.000 children are abused in one way or another on a yearly basis. Like most other western countries, in the Netherlands a system has been developed through which suspected cases of child maltreatment can be reported to a Child Protection Agency (Advies- en Meldpunt Kindermishandeling in Dutch), both by professionals and by non-professionals. Such a report can be crucial for a child when investigation of this Agency shows that the child has indeed been abused and the subsequent interventions lead to the end of the abuse situation and provision of care for child and family. In the Netherlands the course of mental health and quality of life of maltreated children after reports to a Child Protection Agency has never been studied. It is not clear how relevant determinants (e.g. perceived social support or perceived stress) are associated with the mental health and quality of life of maltreated children in the Netherlands. Given the seriousness and consequences of child maltreatment, the course of mental health and quality of life of maltreated children and the influence of relevant determinants should be examined.

Study objective

The main objective of the study is to investigate the course of the mental health and quality of life of maltreated children after they have been reported to a Child Protection Agency (CPA). Secondary objectives are: (1) to examine how theoretically and practically relevant determinants influence the mental health and quality of life of maltreated children, and (2) to examine to what

extent differences occur in mental health and quality of life when comparing maltreated children originally from the Netherlands, Morocco or Suriname.

Study design

A prospective study in which 278 parent-child dyads will be included. Parent-child dyads will be studied shortly after the initial report made to a CPA and subsequently three times over the course of the 1,5 following years. Several questionnaires will be used to study the parameters.

Study burden and risks

The participants will complete questionnaires on 4 different occasions. Once directly after the child has been reported to a CPA, and subsequently three times in the 1,5 years following the initial report. For children time investment per measurement is dependent on the age of the child: 6,7 year old children: 5-15 minutes; 8-11 year old children: 30 minutes and 12-16 year old children: 50 minutes. For the parent the time investment is 1,5 hours per measurement.

Participants are not expected to be posed at any risk. Participation is entirely voluntarily and all participants are allowed to end their participation at any time, without any explanation. The questionnaires will be filled out together with a researcher at a location of the participants' choice. All participants give informed consent before filling out questionnaires.

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Trial sites

Listed location countries

Netherlands

Eligibility criteria

Age

Adolescents (12-15 years)

Adolescents (16-17 years)

Adults (18-64 years)

Children (2-11 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

Inclusion criteria

- Minimum age: 5
- Maximum age: 16
- Meeting the 'classical' definition of child maltreatment (including physical or emotional abuse, sexual abuse, physical or emotional neglect)
- Expected time of residence in the Netherlands is at least one year, and there are no plans to leave the country
- One child per family. In case a report includes more than one child, the child with the highest concern will be asked to participate.
- Sufficient verbal and cognitive capacities to participate in a study which requires an oral interview

Exclusion criteria

- Participants not meeting the aforementioned criteria

Study design

Design

Study type: Observational non invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control:	Uncontrolled
Primary purpose:	Other

Recruitment

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Recruitment status:	Recruitment stopped
Start date (anticipated):	12-11-2010
Enrollment:	556
Type:	Actual

Ethics review

Approved WMO	
Date:	30-09-2010
Application type:	First submission
Review commission:	METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Utrecht (Utrecht)
Approved WMO	
Date:	05-03-2013
Application type:	Amendment
Review commission:	METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Utrecht (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	NL31267.097.10