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What use is evidence? Focus on severe mental illness

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12:30-1:30pm
Thursday 3 September 2015
Rm 410 Level 4, 207 Bouverie Street, Carlton

Associate Professor Ruth Vine is the Executive Director of NorthWestern Mental Health, which provides mental health services to over 1.2 million people.

Severe mental illness carries an increased risk of reduced life expectancy and disability.

There are potential contradictions in the direction of policy and practice in relation to severe mental illness, and the evidence base of what is most effective in reducing the impact of illness, especially in the State funded sector. Issues faced by the sector include management of aggressive behaviours and high rates of relapse, alongside reduced system capacity, increasing demand, and an emphasis on recovery-oriented services.

This talk will explore some of these contradictions and possible service responses.

She previously worked as the Director of Clinical Services - Inner West Area Mental Health service, the Victorian Department of Health's Chief Psychiatrist 2009-2012, and the Director of Mental Health 2003-2008. Ruth has also worked as a consultant psychiatrist in Forensic mental health, in a Community Health setting and in an advisory role with the Australian Government. She was a member of the RANZCP committee for examinations from 1996-2002.

Ruth holds both medical and law degrees, and has contributed to the development of legislation and policy in areas including mental health, disability, and the management of mentally ill offenders.

These seminars are free of charge. Visitors are welcome to attend.

A light luncheon will be served prior to the seminar start.

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