

Profiles

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Introduction

- ▶ Profiles' - provides a detailed description of the individuals and families who have been referred to our assessment and rehabilitation service since the opening of our unit in 1990.
- ▶ We look at types of referrals, the way we work with cases, and draw on results and outcome to formulate information regarding prognostic signs.

Age of Admission

- ▶ average 22.2 years
- ▶ Range 13 -56

Family Composition

Parents

- ▶ single parent 76%
- ▶ with partner 24%

Children

- ▶ on referral 1.08
- ▶ at discharge 1.25
- ▶ born during stay 16 %

Average Length of Stay

- ▶ Residential Treatment 5.4 months
- ▶ Outreach care 3 months
- ▶ Semi-independence unit (The Bridge)
Opened May 1998
- ▶ 84% had been through another unit previously.

Outcome

- ▶ positive for self 60%
- ▶ negative for self 23%

- ▶ positive for child 51%
- ▶ negative for child 33%

- ▶ Rehabilitated together 43%
- ▶ Rehabilitated separately 26%

- ▶ Re-admissions 10%
- ▶ Late positives 10%
- ▶ Late negatives 6%

Child Bearing

- ▶ Age at first delivery 18 years
- ▶ Average number of children 2.3
- ▶ Average number of children removed (accommodated) 1.7

Past History Female Referrals

► Abuse

Physically abused - 79% Sexually abused - 64%

Incest 30% Sibling 8% Paternal 21% Maternal 1%

► Substance abuse

Drug abuse 35% Alcohol abuse 28% Self harm 35%

► **Crime and violence -**

Woman aggressive and violent 61%

History of criminal activities 41% Prostitution 14%

Reason for Admission

▶ Pregnant	21%
▶ Parenting difficulties	97%
▶ Mental Health problem	40%
▶ Learning disability	9%

Violent Partners

% By Stage

- ▶ before admission 69
- ▶ at admission 49
 - ▶ during 32
 - ▶ 1 year 18
 - ▶ 5 years 10
- ▶ Average number of violent partners - 1.67

Presenting Problems

- ▶ Homelessness 12%
- ▶ Involved in child protection 89%
- ▶ Child removed (before admission) 65%
- ▶ New child just before admission. 47%
- ▶ Mother in care themselves 70%

Past History - Day Cases

- ▶ Mother in care themselves -74% (70%)
- ▶ Abuse -
 - ▶ Physically abused - 74% (79%)
 - ▶ Sexually abused - 64% (64%)
 - ▶ Incest - 32% (30%) - all paternal.

Residential data in (%) for comparison

Past History - Day Cases

	Day case	(Residential)
Substance Abuse		
▶ Drug abuse	20%	(35%)
▶ Alcohol abuse	24%	(28%)
▶ Self harm	24%	(35%)
Crime and violence		
▶ Woman aggressive & violent -	50%	(61%)
▶ History of criminal activities	16%	(41%)
▶ Prostitution	8%	(14%)

Features at Time of Referral

	Day Case	(Residential)
▶ Homelessness	98%	(12%)
▶ Involved in child protection	98%	(89%)
▶ Child removed (before admission)	90%	(65%)
▶ New child just before admission	32%	(47%)

Violent Relationships

	Day cases	(Residents)
▶ Violent Partner	84%	(69%)
▶ Violent Parent	64%	
▶ Average number of violent partners	1.6	(1.7)

Reason for Admission

	Day cases	(Residents)
▶ Pregnant	2%	(21%)
▶ Parenting difficulties	98%	(97%)
▶ Mental Health problem	30%	(40%)
▶ Learning disability	24%	(9%)

Case Profiles Male Residents

24% of residents were admitted with their male partners

data on 26 males has been analysed.

Case Profiles Male Residents

- ▶ **Average age** of females admitted with male partners 27 years (range 16 to 56 years)
- ▶ Average age of males admitted as part of family assessment - 29 years (range 17 to 57 years)
- ▶ (average age all resident females 22 years - range 13 to 56 years).

Case Profiles Male Residents

▶ Residential Period

- ▶ Average length of stay 5.2 months for families with male member -(5.4 for all residents)

▶ Outreach follow up

- ▶ available to 48% -
- ▶ average length 2 months (3 for all residents)

Case Profiles Male Residents

Child protection -

- ▶ 85% of cases involved the child being abused
- ▶ 55% both parents contributed to the abuse
- ▶ 64% the male involved and 9% male only responsible
- ▶ In 91% female involved - 36% female alone responsible
- ▶ 63% of males made partial admission of responsibility
- ▶ 9% of males made 'full' admission of responsibility.

Case Profiles Male Residents

Outcome -

	Male	All
▶ positive for self	64%	(60%)
▶ positive for child	56%	(51%)
▶ Rehabilitated together	52%	(43%)

Past History Cases with Male

Care System -

- ▶ Male partner in care themselves - 20%
- ▶ Female of family in care themselves 40% (70%)

Male Abused

- ▶ Physically abused - 54% (79%)
- ▶ Sexually abused - 19% (64%)
- ▶ Incest - 4% (30%) - all paternal

All residential data in (%) for comparison

Past History - Male Cases

	Male cases (All resident)	
▶ Drug abuse	27%	(35%)
▶ Alcohol abuse	35%	(28%)
▶ Violence -	62%	(61%)
▶ Involved in child protection	100%	(89%)
▶ Child removed (before admission)	85%	(65%)
▶ Average number children removed	1.8	(1.7)

Reason for Admission

Male cases (All residents)

- ▶ Parenting difficulties 100% (97%)
- ▶ Mental Health problem 15% (40%)
- ▶ Learning disability 42% (9%)
- ▶ Personality disorder 50%

Children

Number Abused percent

▶ Residential

Index 87 73 84

Previous 83 81 98

total 170 154 91

▶ Day cases 113 105 93

▶ All children 283 259 92

Average mother had one other child (in addition to index)

19% of previous children rehabilitated with mother

Children

Percent affected

Index Previous Total

Nature of abuse

▶ emotional	67	96	81
▶ neglect	69	98	83
▶ failure to thrive	48	82	65
▶ sexual abuse	10	19	14

Children

Percent affected

Index Previous Total

Neonatal Problems

▶ Died	1	5	3
▶ SIDS (cot death)	0	4	2
▶ Foetal Alcohol	7	8	8
▶ Drug withdrawal	8	6	7

Children

Percent affected

Index Previous Total

Nature of abuse

▶ bruising	28	62	45
▶ burn	2	11	7
▶ fracture	7	7	7
▶ head injury	8	5	6
▶ suffocation	5	2	4
▶ munchausen	5	7	6

Children of Day Cases

Percent affected

Resident

Day Case

Nature of abuse

- ▶ emotional
- ▶ neglect
- ▶ failure to thrive

81

91

83

85

65

71

Children of Day Cases

Percent affected

Resident

Day Case

Neonatal Problem

▶ Died	3	0
▶ SIDS (cot death)	2	0
▶ Foetal Alcohol	8	4
▶ Drug withdrawal	7	0

Children of Day Cases

Percent affected

Resident

Day Case

Nature of abuse

▶ bruising	45	58
▶ burn	7	4
▶ fracture	7	12
▶ head injury	6	5
▶ suffocation	4	0
▶ munchausen	6	4

Responsibility for Abuse Day Cases

- ▶ 33% both parents were responsible for the abuse.
- ▶ 67% Mother involved.
 - ▶ 34% Mother alone.
- ▶ 67% father (male) involved
 - ▶ 34% father alone.
- ▶ 13% 'full' admission
 - ▶ 5% males 15% females 'full' admission

Rehabilitation Rates

Resident Cases

Any admission No admission

* rehab to mother

▶ Responsibility

▶ mother	index	52	17
▶ father (male)		100 *	100 *
▶ both parents		54	0
▶ mother	previous	24	5
▶ father		60	43
▶ both parents		29	0

Rehabilitation Rates Abused Children

	Rehabilitated with parent	Rehabilitated extended family	total percent
▶ Day Cases	27	17	44
▶ Residential	32	29	61
▶ All children	29	23	52

Rehabilitation Rates

Day Cases

	Rehabilitated with parent	Rehabilitated extended family	total percent
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Cases by severity of abuse

▶ Not abused *	33	0	29
▶ Score 1 and 2	59	8	67
▶ Score 3 and 4	24	19	43
▶ Score 5+	19	15	34

*non abused children had abused siblings

Prognostic Signs

Residents Rehabilitated Together

▶ Child Factors

	% of total	% Rehabilitated	
▶ All cases		42	
▶ All abused		32	
▶ Neglect	70	32	
▶ Fracture	7	60	*
▶ Head Injury	8	57	*
▶ Sexual Abuse	10	25	

*small numbers

Prognosis - Adult Factors

Residents Rehabilitated Together

	% of total	% Rehabilitated
▶ All cases	100	42
▶ Violent Partner	59	45
▶ abused	80	41
▶ Learning Disability	9	38
▶ alcohol	29	36
▶ drugs	37	34
▶ in care	67	33
▶ crime	39	32
▶ History of violence	60	31
▶ self harm	36	30
▶ Personality Disorder	57	28
▶ prostitution	15	23
▶ Severe PD:Psychopathic	26	9

Residential Placements

▶ Length of stay -

- ▶ Families rehabilitated with children stayed 8 months
- ▶ Not rehabilitated stayed for half the time - 4 months
- ▶ Longer placements do have worthwhile results.

Maternal Age

▶ **Age of mother -**

- ▶ average age of positive cases was 25 years
- ▶ average age of negative outcomes was 21.

▶ **First Delivery -**

- ▶ average age first baby for positive cases 19.6 years
- ▶ average age first delivery negative cases 16.6 years