

IS MY 'MENTAL DISORDER' AN ACT CONSTRUCTION OR A SCIENCE OF RACE.

Date: June 4th, 2018. Time 10am – 4pm.

St George's University of London, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17 0RE.

Focus

To examine following on from two previous conferences into how whiteness and race equality into research into diagnosis and practice can lead to a coproduction that can effectively challenge the definition of 'mental disorder' in terms of the current review of the 1983/2007 Mental Health Act. The focus how survivors, practitioners and researchers across the colour line can produce a definition that addresses equality in the mental health legislation in the areas of access, detention, and discharge from a new perspective to coproduction.

The Mental Health Act defines the term 'mental disorder' as 'any disorder or disability of mind'.

Background and Rationale

Current reviews of the 1983/2007 Mental Health Act attempts to survey and examine the specific legislative changes and the analysis of how it experienced, with a special focus on the over-representation of BAME communities. The conference suggests it's important in a collaborative co-production approach between Oxford University, St George's University and Black Thrive to look the how the construction of the definition of 'mental disorder' and the changes needed to ensure it meaningful for survivors, practitioners, and researchers in terms of race equality in the areas of assessment, discharge, and service provision.

Aims of the conference.

1. To examine the race equality implications of the definition of the term 'Mental Disorder' in terms of the 1983/2007 Mental Health Act.
2. To analyse the challenges and changes to a new definition of 'Mental Disorder' in terms of assessment, discharge and service provision.
3. To produce coproduction guidelines that empowers equality between survivors, practitioner, and researchers in relation to challenging the implications of the mental health.

Workshop structure. 10am - 4pm

9.30.am.	Arrival, registration, and coffee.
10.am.	Doctor King; Outline of the day
10.05am.	Update on the Review of the 1983 MHA. Alison Cobb, Mind. Senior Policy and Campaign Officer.
10.25am	Black Thrive. Current impact on BAME communities, from Surviving to Thriving.
10.50aam.	Doctor King: Survivor and practitioner critique of the definition. The implications for coproduction
11.05am	Question and answers
11.20m.	Tea Break.
11.35am.	Three representative focus groups Concerns, issues, and problems with the definition of 'Mental Disorder'.
12.30am.	Lunch.
PM Workshops	Producing a new definition.
1.30am.	CHALLENGE 1: Three representative focus groups. To produce a new definition of 'Mental Disorder' CHALLENGE 2. Three representative focus groups. 10 points to make coproduction effective in changing the definition CHALLENGE 3. Three representative focus groups. The challenges for involving Black researchers in challenging Community Treatment orders
2.45pm.	Tea break
3.15pm.	Feedback and discussion – Theme: How to involve Black survivors as researchers.
3.50pm.	Closing. Celebrating our work.

We have a limited number of places.

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