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Links between economic crisis and mental health
Demand for treatment for mental health problems has increased recently as people struggle to cope with unemployment, debt, home repossession, threat of redundancy and other difficulties caused by the recession.


www.lse.ac.uk/collections/PSSRU/pdf/mental_health_downturn121109.pdf
Royal College of Psychiatrists Occasional Paper OP70

Autism costs the UK more than £27 billion a year
The care and support of individuals with autism is costing the UK over £27 billion a year, finds new research. Of this, £2.7 billion goes towards supporting children with autism spectrum disorders (ASDs), with £25 billion allocated to the care of adults.

Economic cost of autism in the UK

Unit Costs of Health and Social Care 2009
Compiled by Lesley Curtis

This is the latest updated volume in a well-established series bringing together information from a variety of sources to estimate national unit costs for a wide range of health and social care services.

The report provides detailed and comprehensive information on more than 130 types of service and quotes sources and assumptions so that users can adapt the information for their own purposes.

This year the report starts with a preface which discusses new developments and introduces a guest editorial (by Ian Shemilt and Miranda Mugford) and three brief articles. The guest editorial discusses how systematic reviews and economic evaluations of interventions inform health and social care policy and practice.

The three articles
- present the costs of support organisations for people with direct payments and personal budgets
- describe the work of the Social Care Institute for Excellence on economics and the importance of valuing unpaid care
- describe the National Dementia Strategy published in 2009 which aims to ensure significant improvements are made to dementia services

The 2009 edition is available in full at the PSSRU website. Printed copies are available from the librarian at the PSSRU in Canterbury, price £42. Volumes for previous years to 1995 (with articles on different aspects of costing research and methodology) are available, and are priced at £17 for the 2008 volume and £4 each for previous years (when ordered with the current volume). All prices include post and packaging.
Supporting People with Dementia at Home: Challenges and Opportunities for the 21st Century
David Challis, Caroline Sutcliffe, Jane Hughes, Richard von Abendorff, Pamela Brown and John Chesterman (2009)

This book details a groundbreaking study of an intensive care management scheme designed for older people with dementia that are at risk of entry into residential care. The authors use a quasi-experimental approach to compare how the individuals on the mental health team in one community were matched to a similar community without the service. They analyse the evidence focusing on the eventual placement of the individual suffering, the quality of care they receive, and also the needs of their carers.

This book offers valuable evidence about the factors which can maximise the independence and well being of older people with dementia, from the perspective of older people and their carers. For those who commission services, it is highly relevant to service models for the National Dementia Strategy in England. More information and ordering details are on the Ashgate website.

Equity in Mental Health and Mental Health Care in Britain:
Concept, definition and empirical evidence
Roshni Mangalore (2009)
VDM Verlag Dr. Müller, ISBN 978-3639201109, 176 pages, £62.00

Equity in mental health is an important social goal. The need for developing concepts, theories and methods appropriate for measuring equity in this field has been recognised by many. This book addresses these issues by developing a conceptual structure to define equity in mental health and by analysing data from three national psychiatric morbidity surveys for Britain.

Handbook on Third Sector European Policy:
Multi-level processes and organized civil society
Edited by Jeremy Kendall (2009)

See the Edward Elgar website for details on this new book from Jeremy Kendall, Visiting Fellow at the PSSRU at LSE.