







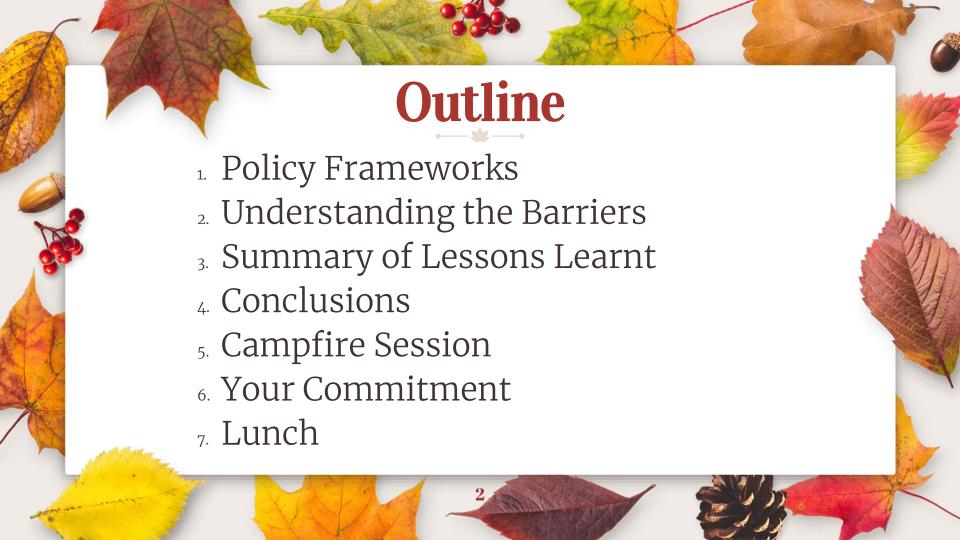
Systems Change: Lessons from RSI PIE Plus

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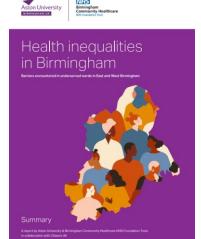


Our Challenge: Transforming Vision into Action















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A national framework for NHS - action on inclusion health

Use this framework to plan, develop and improve health services to meet the needs of people in inclusion health groups.

Barriers to Care: Clinicians' Perspective

High DNA rate

Ambivalence about accepting help

Lack trust in professionals

Challenges in assessment process

Comorbid Substance Use Complex Heterogeneous Presentations

Unrealistic demands

Difficulties communicating needs

Basic needs not met



Barriers to Care: Homeless Individual Perspective

Negative experiences of 'support'

Structural problems to access

Not feeling deserving of help

Lack of practical life skills

Problems with emotional regulation

Relational difficulties

Unhelpful coping strategies

Hopeless about change

Lack of formulation driven care





1) Benefits of a consistent, coherent psychologically informed paradigm:

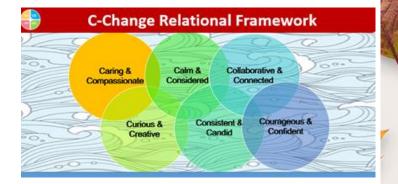
A trauma informed perspective:

A compassionate understanding which provides a shared language for professionals to make sense of complex, confusing behaviours

Incorporating a strengths-based philosophy:

An approach that seeks to empower individuals to make decisions about their own lives and remains hopeful about capacity for growth and change





2) Understanding the valuable contribution of homelessness professionals:

- Experts in engagement, harm minimisation, networking and housing systems
- Active partners in supporting recovery from trauma and facilitating health service interventions

Tri-Phasic Model of Trauma Therapy

Judith Herman (1992/1997)

- Establishing Safety and Stabilization (emotional and physiological)
 - Trauma Memory Processing retelling the story (remembrance and mourning)
- Reconnection with communities and with meaningful activities and behaviours

3) Upskilling homelessness professionals with psychologically informed knowledge and skills results in better client outcomes:



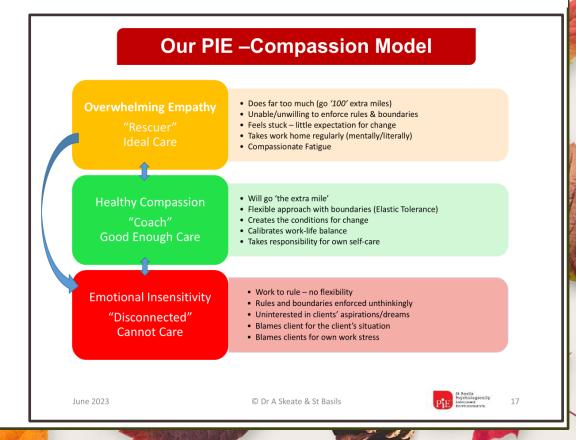
Positive outcomes for RSI clients can be achieved by optimising opportunities to enhance CHIME recovery factors (Leamy et al., 2011) within the day-to-day social interventions.

4) Supporting the wellbeing of homelessness support professionals assists in maintaining high quality services for the most vulnerable

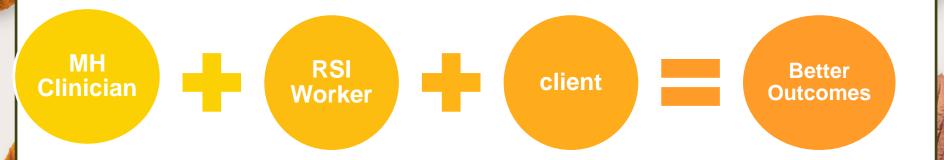
INSIDE HOUSING

80% of homelessness workers at risk of burnout as service demand soars, survey finds

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5) Collaborative Partnership Working and Strategic Use of Expertise





Ambitions:

Recognising this way of working, not only improves outcomes for RSI clients but makes all our jobs easier!

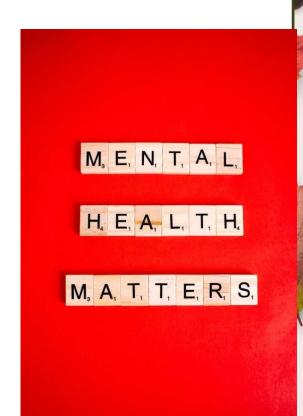
- 1. Professionals to be more mindful when working with an individual who is homeless or has experience of homelessness.
- 2. Better understanding of our colleagues in Housing and Homelessness sectors & appreciating the benefits of partnership working.
- 3. Allocating future funding to resource PIE Plus activities in homelessness organisations.
- 4. Recognising the applicability of this learning to other excluded groups

Final Words – Rachel, Outreach Support Worker

"I am not a mental health expert, but I know this client, I have worked with him for over a year.

I am made to feel that I should just shut up, because I am not a professional in mental health. But I do have a degree in psychology and criminology, I have studied people with these risks and I have three years of experience. I am trained in PIE and consult with a psychologist in RP.

We are *just* housing related support, but we know our clients and care about what happens to them"





Commitment to Action

Invitation ... On a leaf write

- Your name, role & organisation
- Describe your contribution towards improving health & care services for people experiencing homelessness



