

MEETING THE PHYSICAL HEALTH NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS IN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE FORUM

Wednesday 7 March 2018
Seminar 1:00pm-3:00pm

Colonial Theatre, AGSM Building,
UNSW Main Campus, Kensington

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People with serious mental illnesses die 15-20 years earlier than the average person, mostly due to preventable conditions such as cardiovascular and respiratory disease. These people are also more likely to have co-morbidities, though these are less likely to be treated and managed. The under-treatment of the physical health needs of people with serious mental illness is one of the biggest health inequalities.

This Forum will feature research by Kate Bosanquet from England. It will be facilitated by health professionals from South Eastern Sydney Local Health District Mental Health Services and researchers from the UNSW Centre for Primary Health Care and Equity. The Forum will examine:

- clinical pathways between mental health and primary health care
- sharing what work has been done in this field locally
- systems and models of care that can better meet the physical health needs of people with serious mental illness
- Identifying gaps and future opportunities.



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Kate Bosanquet is a NIHR Doctoral Research Fellow based in the Mental Health and Addictions Research Group at the University of York. She is currently undertaking a mixed methods study on *Meeting the physical health needs of people with serious mental illness in primary care*. Prior to her NIHR fellowship, Kate was trial manager for the Collaborative Care in Screen Positive Elders (CASPER) research program at the University of York.



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