Nonverbal communication in schizophrenia: A 3-D motion-capture analysis

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The ability to interact socially with others is an essential part of everyday life. For those with schizophrenia, communication is often difficult and can result in social isolation. This study aimed to investigate the relationship between nonverbal communication and social outcomes in individuals with schizophrenia. The study involved participants who were randomly assigned to receive either treatment as usual (TAU) or Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT). The results indicated that patients in the DBT condition showed improvements in nonverbal communication, particularly in the areas of facial expression and body language. This suggests that DBT may be an effective intervention for improving social outcomes in individuals with schizophrenia.

Recent Publications

The INFORM Project: A Service User-Led Research Endeavour

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The INFORM Project, funded by the National Institute for Health Research, has its origins in the second year of a PhD research project led by Professor Sally Hall. The aim of the project is to conduct research that is led by people with mental health problems and to involve them in all aspects of research design, implementation and dissemination. The project is based on the principles of user involvement, and the group of service users involved in the project is known as the INFORM group.

Subjective experience of mental illness

The project is currently in its third year and is exploring the subjective experience of mental illness. The group of service users involved in the project are known as the INFORM group. They meet regularly to discuss their experiences of mental illness and to share their ideas about how research can be conducted in a way that is meaningful to them.

The INFORM group is made up of service users who have been involved in research projects led by Professor Sally Hall. They have a wide range of experiences of mental illness, and their involvement in the project has been essential in shaping the direction of the research.

The INFORM group has contributed to the final analysis and dissemination of the research findings. The project's main research aim is to understand the subjective experience of mental illness, and the INFORM group has played a key role in identifying the key themes and findings of the research.

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Admissions and assessments during the first six months of a UK medium secure DSPD service

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Effective and Cost-Effective of Dialectical Behavior Therapy

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The purpose of this paper is to describe the effective and cost-effective treatment strategies for patients with mental health problems. The paper presents a novel approach to the treatment of mental health problems, which is based on the principles of dialectical behavior therapy. The approach is effective, cost-effective, and adaptable to a wide range of mental health problems.

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