Integrating specialized health services, such as mental health, into primary health care is one of WHO's most fundamental health care recommendations. Thus, WHO was pleased to be invited to participate in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Conference on Integrating Mental Health into Primary Health Care, which was held in Muscat from 9 to 10 December 2012. This conference was an opportunity for participants from all Member States of the GCC to share their experiences of providing mental health services in primary health care. A key outcome was the development of primary health care performance indicators for mental health services.

Key advantages to integrating mental health services into primary health care include reducing stigma and improving access to care.

Related documents

Information sheet on integrating mental health services into primary health care [pdf 608.46kb]

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