

CONFIDENTIALITY & INFORMATION SHARING IN MENTAL HEALTH: FACING CHALLENGES & TREASURING SOLUTIONS

Monday 14th October 2019

Qatar Celebrating World Mental Health Day

(Preliminary Programme)

CONFERENCE BACKGROUND & AIM

The aspiration of His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, is delivered through Qatar's National Vision 2030. The vision recognizes the importance of quality health services including mental health. Driven by Qatar's National Vision 2030, The Mental Health Friends Association (Weyak) in collaboration with The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) decided to organize a conference on Confidentiality and Information Sharing with an intention to find a model that treasures the social and cultural aspects of the population in Qatar.

Central to confidentiality and information sharing is the influence of any disclosure of information on the therapeutic relationship between patients and clinicians. In practice, circumstances arise when there a need to share information across institutional and professional boundaries, in order to ensure effective coordination and integration of services. One of the most important duties of health institutions in general, and mental health ones in particular, is keeping confidentiality and protecting the information that they collect, generate, hold and handle. It is equally important for those institutions to create and appropriately implement information sharing methods both internally and with other health sectors through transparent guidelines and policies; in a manner that is consistent with the laws of the land, professional guidelines and ethical codes of practice.

In Qatar, the health economy has been characterized by rapid growth and diversification. Reflecting the state efforts to accomplish its 2030 National Vision. Today Qatar has mental health institutions in all health sectors, public, private and the independent sector. However, there is a need to find out a suitable model for maintaining confidentiality and sharing information that allow these sectors to work effectively while respecting relevant sociocultural parameters. The latter is significant in improving the uptake of the mental health services.

Weyak and the MOPH recognise the significance of this challenge and the need to provide a platform for public and professional debate on confidentiality and information sharing; with the patients, families, advocates, human right activists and professional from diverse backgrounds: health, sociology, ethics and law.

CONFERENCE THEMES

The conference shall address the following themes and provide appropriate platforms for debating these themes in addition to providing Q&A sessions:

- THEME 1.** Adverse effects of psychological interventions.
- THEME 2.** Service user's, carers, advocates and human rights activists experience and views on confidentiality and information sharing.
- THEME 3.** Confidentiality and information sharing; ethical, theological, sociological and legal aspects.
- THEME 4.** Facing confidentiality and information sharing challenges in diverse settings of clinical practice.
- THEME 5.** Regional and international models of practice for confidentiality and information sharing.
- THEME 6.** Treasuring solutions for confidentiality and information sharing: developing the Qatari Model

PLENARY SPEAKERS

1. **Professor Connor Duggan**, Professor of Forensic Psychiatry, University of Nottingham, UK
2. **Dr Mohammad Abdulaleem**, Senior Consultant Psychiatrist, HMC, Qatar
3. **Professor Benjamin Wright**, University of Lisbon, Portugal & Associate Medical Director
4. **Professor Hamad Alsenawi**, Sultan Qaboos University & Consultant in Dementia Care, Oman
5. **Dr Jim Boylan**, Consultant Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist, Director of Medical Education, UK
6. **Professor Mohammad Ghaly**, Professor of Islam & Biomedical Ethics, CILE, HBKU, Qatar
7. **Mr Ian F Tulley**, National Lead for Mental Health and Wellbeing, CEO Mental Health Services, MoPH, Qatar
8. **Dr Ridwan Abdulaal**, Senior Consultant Psychiatrist, Al Ahli Hospital, Doha, Qatar
9. **Miss Aisha Alkawari**, Advocate, Mental Health Friends Association, Doha, Qatar
10. **Dr Abdullah Alnema**, Ministry of Endowments & Islamic affairs
11. **Dr Kholood Alsbaee**, Medical Services, Qatari Armed Forces, Qatar
12. **Mrs Thabiah Almegbalee**, Counsellor, Advocate & Social Worker, Mental Health Friends Association, Qatar
13. **Professor Fatima Alkubaisi**, Head of the Department of Social Sciences, University of Qatar, Qatar
14. **Dr Mohammed Ather**, Senior Consultant in Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, Sidra Hospital, Doha Qatar
15. **Dr Ryhan Siddiqi**, Senior Consultant Psychiatrist in Addiction, Naufar Hospital, Qatar
16. **Dr Banna Alkhlaifi**, Community Police Administration, Ministry of Interior, Qatar
17. **Mr Hameed Alqahtani**, Service User
18. **Miss Fatima**, Services User
19. **Mrs Muna Aiad**, Carer
20. **Miss Suha Almohandi**, Solicitor, Lawyers Association of Qatar
21. **Dr Marium Alhitimi**, Consultant in Public Health, Al-Ebaib Health Centre, Qatar
22. **Professor Nasser Almanafi**, Senior Consultant Psychiatrist & Visiting Professor of Psychiatry
23. **Aamina Al Maadheed**, National Committee of Human Rights, Qatar.
24. **Mr Ibrahim Ali Ibrahim**, Executive Legal Director, Primary Health Care, Qatar.

TARGET AUDIENCE

1. Mental Health Professionals; psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, social workers, occupational therapists, etc.
2. Patients suffering with mental health problems, their carers and advocates and members of public with wanting to contribute in debating confidentiality and information sharing.
3. Qatar mental health providers including: public, ministry of interior, armed forces, private sector and NGOs.
4. Interested professionals from various background: medicine and medical ethics, theology, ethics social working and sociology, human right, law, prison officers and community police.

DATE & AVENUE

Monday 14th October 2019 at Hilton Doha from 08.00 am to 19.00 pm.

CONFERENCE LANGUAGES

Arabic and English. There will be live Arabic translation for English language speakers and English translation for Arabic language speakers.

CPD POINTS

Application for 10 CPD points is in negotiation with Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners (TBC).

REGISTRATION

International Conference on Confidentiality & Information Sharing in Mental Health: Facing Challenges & Treasuring Solutions at <http://weyak.qa/weyak>

CONFERENCE CONTACT

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Conference Programme

08:00 – 08:50	Registration
09:00 – 09:10	Conference Opening
09:10 – 09:20	Minister of Health, MoPH
09:20 – 09:25	Mr Hassan Al-Ghanim Deputy Chair Mental Health Friends Association (Weyak), Previous Secretary of State for Justice, Qatar
09:25 – 09:35	Appreciativeness for the Sponsors of the Conference

Session I: 09:35 – 10:30 (Chairman of the Session: Prof Al Manafi)

Confidentiality Challenges in Mental Health Practice

09:35 – 10:10	Keynote: Adverse Effects of Psychological Interventions Professor Nasser Almanafi, Consultant Psychiatrist, Al-Ahli Hospital
10:10 – 10:30	Q&A

Session II: 10:30 – 11:30

Patient, Carer & Advocate Experience & Views on Confidentiality & Information Sharing

Participants

Hameed AlQahtani

Service User

Miss Fatima

Service User

Mrs Um Mohammad

TBC

Aman; Protection & Social Rehabilitation Centre

Mrs Aisha Alkwari;

Advocate

Interviewed by Khadeeja Ben Ganna, Broadcaster, Aljazeera News Channel

11:30 – 12:00 Prayer, Coffee & Tea Break

Session III: 12:00 – 13:00

Confidentiality & Information Sharing: Legal, Ethical, Social & Islamic Aspects

Participants

Dr Abdullah Mohammad Al Nema,

Imam, Ministry of Endowments & Islamic affairs

Professor Mohammad Ghali,

Professor of Islam and Biomedical Ethics, Hamad Ben Khalifa University, Qatar

Professor Fatima Al-Kubaisi,

Head of Department of Social Sciences, Qatar University

Miss Suha Almohandi,

Solicitor, Lawyers Association of Qatar

Mr Ibrhaim Ali Ibrahim

Executive Legal Director, Primary Health Care, Qatar

Interviewed by Eman Aiad, Broadcaster; Aljazeera News Channel

Session IV: 13:00 – 14:15

Confidentiality & Information Sharing Challenges in Mental Health in Qatar: Experiences from the Public Sector

Chairman of the Session: Dr Mohammad Al Banna

- 13:00 – 13:15 **Confidentiality & Information Sharing Challenges in Adult of Mental Health Services**
Dr Mohammed Abdulaleem, Consultant Psychiatrist, HMC
- 13:15 – 13:30 **Confidentiality & Information Sharing Challenges in Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services**
Dr Muhammad Ather, Consultant in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division, Sidra Hospital, Doha, Qatar
- 13:30 – 11:45 **Confidentiality & Information Sharing Challenges in Primary Care Mental Health Services**
Dr Mariam Alhitimi, Consultant in Family Medicine, Al-Ebaib Health Centre, Qatar
- 13:45 – 14:00 **Confidentiality & Information Sharing Challenges in Addiction Services**
Dr Ryhan Siddiqi, Consultant Psychiatrist, Naufar Hospital, Qatar
- 14:00 – 14:15 **Q&A**
- 14:15 – 15:00 **Prayer & Lunch**

Session V: 15:00 – 16:00

Confidentiality & Information Sharing Challenges in Mental Health in Qatar: Experiences from Other Sectors

Chairman of the Session: Prof. Mammoun Mobayed

- 15:00 – 15:10 **Confidentiality & Information Sharing: experience from the private sector**
Dr Rudwan Abdulaal, Consultant Psychiatrist, Al Ahli Hospital, Doha.
- 15:10 – 15:20 **Confidentiality & Information Sharing: community police views and experience**
Dr Banna Alkhlaifi, Community Police Administration, Ministry of Interior, Qatar
- 15:20 – 15:30 **Confidentiality & Information Sharing: experience from the Qatari Armed Forces**
Dr Asma Ameen, Qatari Armed Forces, Qatar
- 15:30 – 15:40 **Confidentiality & Information Sharing in the Third Sector: Weyak Experience**
Mrs Thabia Almegbalee, Mental Health Friends Association, Doha, Qatar
- 15:40 – 16:00 **Q&A**

Session VI: 16:00 – 19:30

Confidentiality & Information Sharing Challenges: Regional, International Experiences & Planning Ahead for Qatar Mental Health Services

Chairman of the Session: Prof Nasser Almanafi

- 16:00 – 16:30 **Confidentiality & Information Sharing: Experience from Oman**
Dr Hamad Alsenawi, Consultant Psychiatrist & Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman
- 16:30 – 17:00 **Confidentiality & Information Sharing: The Practice in the UK**
Dr Jim Boylan, consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist and Director of Medical Education at Tess, Esk and Wear Valleys NSH Foundation trust
- 17:00 – 17:30 **Maghrib Prayer, Coffee & Tea Break**
- 17:30 – 18:00 **Confidentiality & Information Sharing: The Estonian Model**
Professor Ben Wright, Associate Medical Director for Clinical Information at East London NHS Foundation Trust & Visiting Professor to Lisbon University
- 18:00 – 18:30 **Confidentiality & Information Sharing in Qatar: The Way Forward**
Ian Tulley, Qatari NHS national Lead for Mental Health and Wellbeing, CEO Mental Health Services, Minsitry of Public Health
- 18:30 – 19:00 **Q&A Session & End of Conference**