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A study of which peer reviewed journals are read and perceived as important by clinical practitioners in the field of mental health

This questionnaire can be completed in about 5 minutes. Your answers will be entirely anonymous: there is no identification number on the questionnaire.

Please return the questionnaire to us within two weeks in the pre-paid envelope provided.

Thank you for your time and co-operation.

Further details about the background to the project are supplied on the last page but if you have any questions about the survey please contact:

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1. Please tick up to 10 journals in total that you read or consult on a regular basis with regard to your clinical work and then rank the top three of these (i.e. 1,2 or 3). Please add any journals you feel are of importance in the context of mental health clinical practice.

Name of Journal	Tick up to 10	Rank top 3
ACTA PSYCHIATRICA SCANDINAVICA		
AGE AND AGEING		
AMERICAN JOURNAL OF MEDICAL GENETICS		
AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PSYCHIATRY		
BEHAVIOUR RESEARCH AND THERAPY		
BIOLOGICAL PSYCHIATRY		
BRITISH JOURNAL OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY		
BRITISH JOURNAL OF GENERAL PRACTICE		
BRITISH JOURNAL OF HOSPITAL MEDICINE		
BRITISH JOURNAL OF MEDICAL PSYCHOLOGY		
BRITISH JOURNAL OF PSYCHIATRY		
BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL		
HUMAN PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY-CLINICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL		
INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY		
INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF EATING DISORDERS		
INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRY		
IRISH JOURNAL OF PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE		
JOURNAL OF ADVANCED NURSING		
JOURNAL OF AFFECTIVE DISORDERS		
JOURNAL OF CHILD PSYCHOLOGY AND PSYCHIATRY AND ALLIED DISCIPLINES		
JOURNAL OF FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY		
JOURNAL OF NEUROLOGY NEUROSURGERY AND PSYCHIATRY		
JOURNAL OF PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY		
JOURNAL OF PSYCHOSOMATIC RESEARCH		
JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE		
LANCET		
MEDICINE SCIENCE AND THE LAW		
NEUROSCIENCE LETTERS		
PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE		
PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY		
SCHIZOPHRENIA RESEARCH		
SOCIAL PSYCHIATRY AND PSYCHIATRIC EPIDEMIOLOGY		

2. What type of N	NHS contract do you have?	
	Whole time	
	Maximum part time	
	Part time	
	Honorary	
	Other	
3. How many clin	ical sessions per week do you work?	
4. How many aca	demic sessions per week do you work?	
5. In which sub-g	roup do you work? (Please tick as many as necessary)	
	Childhood & adolescence	
	Adults of working age	
	Old age psychiatry	
	Liaison psychiatry	
6. With which disc	orders do you work? (Please tick as many as necessar	y)
	Anxiety disorders	
	Bipolar disorders	
	Conduct disorders	
	The dementias	
	Depression	
	Eating disorders	
	Obsessive-compulsive disorder	
	Phobias	
	Schizophrenia	
	Suicide and self-harm	
	Alcohol, drug or substance abuse	
	Learning difficulties	
	Other	
	(Please specify)

Background: Clinical research generally does not command the same level of citation as basic research. The assessment of research quality often uses the journal impact factor, based on the average citation rate of the journal, but clinical research is less likely to appear in a journal with a high impact factor. Too often the result is the *apparent* poor performance of establishments involved in clinical research relative to those concentrating on research of a more basic nature. Our research is attempting to identify a more realistic way to assess publications for clinical practitioners. The intention is to extend the study to other medical fields in the future.

Journals: The list of journals has been taken from the Research Outputs Database (ROD) that was constructed by The Wellcome Trust and based on the Science Citation Index (SCI). It is now maintained by the Department of Information Science at City University. A subset of ROD (NHS ROD) has been constructed containing details of publications from England that involve some element of NHS financial input and this is being studied by the NHS-funded Fellowship at the Health Economics Research Group, Brunel University. For this questionnaire a list of journals has been extracted from the NHS ROD covering 60% of mental health publications over the period 1990-1999. It covers all levels of research publications, from basic to clinical, found in the peer reviewed journals contained on the SCI database.