***Table S1.*** *Articles meeting inclusion criteria for literature review*

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| **Author**  **(Year)**  **Journal** | **Title** | **Aim** | **Context** | **Research Method/ Approach** | **Database** |
| Alexander  (2006)  *Journal of Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing* | Patients’ feelings about ward nursing regimes and involvement in rule construction | To discover the content of rules within acute psychiatric wards; to explore patients’ responses to the rules; to evaluate the impact of rules and rule enforcement on nurse–patient relationships | Acute psychiatric ward nursing regimes | Qualitative | Wiley- Blackwell |
| Amering & Schmolke  (2009) | Recovery in Mental Health: Reshaping scientific and clinical responsibilities | Recovery definitions, concepts and developments as well as consequences for scientific and clinical responsibilities | Recovery oriented programs | Literature review | Wiley- Blackwell |
| Anthony  (1993)  *Psychosocial Rehabilitation Journal* | Recovery from mental illness: the guiding vision of the mental health service system in the 1990s | To outline the fundamental services and assumptions of a recovery-oriented mental health system | Macro level mental health systems | Empirical discussion | EBSCO |
| Aston & Coffey  (2012)  *Journal of Psychiatric & Mental Health Nursing* | Recovery: what mental health nurses and service users say about the concept of recovery | To explore multiple perspectives of service users and mental health nurses with regard to the concept of recovery and how it fits within mental health services | Acute mental health inpatient care UK | Thematic analysis using Krueger and Casey’s framework | EBSCO |
| Barker & Buchanan-Barker  (2010)  *Issues in Mental Health Nursing* | The tidal model of mental health recovery and reclamation: application in acute care settings | Evaluations of the Tidal Model within acute care settings and the potential contribution that the model makes to the development of person-centred care, within acute settings | Acute care in Scotland, England, and Ireland | Evaluation protocol | Informa Healthcare |
| Bertelsen et al.  (2008)  *Archives of General Psychiatry* | Five-year follow-up of a randomised multicenter trial of intensive early intervention vs standard treatment for patients with a first episode of psychotic illness: the OPUS trial | To determine the long-term effects of an intensive early-intervention program (OPUS) for first-episode psychotic patients | Psychiatric Hospital, Denmark | Single-blinded, randomised, controlled clinical trial | JAMA |
| Bowers et al.  (2009b)  *Issues in Mental Health Nursing* | Identifying key factors associated with aggression on acute inpatient psychiatric wards | To assess the relationship of patient violence to other variables: patient characteristics, features of the service and physical environment, patient routines, staff factors, the use of containment methods, and other patient behaviours | 136 acute psychiatric wards in 26 NHS Trusts in England | Multivariate cross sectional design | Informa Healthcare |
| Bressi Nath et al.  (2012)  *Social Psychiatry & Psychiatric Epidemiology* | Case managers’ perspectives on the therapeutic alliance: a qualitative study | To understand the nature of the therapeutic alliance in intensive case management | Community mental health settings – intensive case management | Qualitative analysis of case managers’ perspectives | Springerlink |
| Brimblecombe et al.  (2007)  *Journal of Psychiatric & Mental Health Nursing* | How mental health nursing can best improve service users' experiences and outcomes in inpatient settings: responses to a national consultation | Reports on responses received in relation to a consultation question on how best to improve inpatient care | Inpatient care England | National review consultation | Wiley- Blackwell |
| Chen et al.  (2013)  *Administration & Policy in Mental Health & Mental Health Services Research* | The development of recovery competencies for in-patient mental health providers working with people with serious mental illness | To identify the most salient recovery competencies required of in-patient providers | Inpatient context | Competency framework | Springer |
| Cleary et al.  (2012a)  *International Journal of Mental Health Nursing* | Mental health nurses' perceptions of good work in an acute setting | To develop insights into the nature of good mental health nursing work through the perspectives of mental health nurses in the acute mental health environment | Acute mental health environments | Qualitative study | Wiley- Blackwell |
| Cleary et al.  (2012b)  *International Journal of Mental Health Nursing* | Mental health nurses’ views of recovery within an acute setting | To identify practical realities that acute care nurses can take to aid recovery and identify barriers that hinder its implementation during and immediately after a relapse | Acute inpatient mental health units Australia NSW | Qualitative | Wiley- Blackwell |
| Cleary et al.  (2010)  *Journal of Medical Ethics* | Seclusion and its context in acute inpatient psychiatric care | To explore briefly some of the contemporary debates pertaining to seclusion | Acute inpatient mental health services | Literature review | BMJ Journals |
| Cleary et al.  (2012c)  *Issues in Mental Health Nursing* | Nurse-patient interaction in acute adult inpatient mental health units: a review and synthesis of qualitative studies | To identify, analyse and synthesise research in adult acute inpatient mental health units, which focused on nurse-patient interaction. | Adult acute inpatient mental health units | Literature review | Informa Healthcare |
| Coatsworth-Puspoky, et al.  (2006)  *Journal of Psychiatric & Mental Health Nursing* | Nurse–client processes in mental health: recipients’ perspectives | To explore and describe nursing support relationships, from the perspectives of recipients, within the mental health subculture | Mental health consumers Southern Ontario | Mini-ethnographic design, an ethnonursing research method | Wiley- Blackwell |
| Curtis et al.  (2007)  *International Journal of Mental Health Nursing* | Exploration of therapeutic interventions that accompany the administration of p.r.n. ('as required') psychotropic medication within acute mental health settings: a retrospective study | Explored the occurrence of p.r.n. medication administration and the type of alternative therapeutic interventions that are documented as accompanying its administration | 20-bed mental health facility | Retrospective study | Wiley- Blackwell |
| Deacon & Fairhurst  (2008)  *Nursing Inquiry* | The real-life practice of acute inpatient mental health nurses: an analysis of 'eight interrelated bundles of activity' | To assess the fit of this model to mental health nursing and to add to the body of work concerning the social organisation of nursing | Psychiatric unit | Ethnography | Wiley- Blackwell |
| Gilburt et al.  (2010)  *The British Journal of Psychiatry* | Service users' experiences of residential alternatives to standard acute wards: qualitative study of similarities and differences | To explore patients' subjective experiences of traditional hospital services and residential alternatives to hospital | Residential alternatives and in-patient | Qualitative | BJ Psych |
| Green et al.  (2008)  *Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal* | Understanding how clinician–patient relationships and relational continuity of care affect recovery from serious mental illness: STARS study results | To provide recommendations for improving care include increased patient-clinician collaboration, patient empowerment, and greater relational continuity of care | Continuity of patient care | Qualitative | EBSCO |
| Hilton & Whiteford  (2008)  *Australian & New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry* | Pro re nata medication for psychiatric inpatients: time to act | Examines the evidence for administration of PRN psychotropic medications and, in the context of evidence-based best practice, current mental health policy and professional ethics, proposes a standardised Australian PRN administration protocol | Psychiatric and mental health nursing | Literature review | Informa |
| Huang et al.  (2010)  *International Journal for Quality in Health Care* | Intensive care unit safety culture and outcomes: a US multicenter study | To determine if intensive care unit (ICU) safety culture is independently associated with outcomes | Intensive care | Cohort study combining safety culture survey data | Oxford Journals |
| Janner  (2007)  *Journal of Psychiatric Intensive Care* | From the inside out: Star Wards' lessons from within acute in-patient wards | Report on program to help improve the daily experiences of acute in-patients and treatment outcomes | Acute in-patient hospital London | Personal experience and literature review | Cambridge University Press |
| Long et al. (2012)  *Journal of Mental Health* | Effective therapeutic milieus in secure services for women: the service user perspective | To identify service users' views of the constituents of an effective therapeutic milieu for women in secure settings and to help identify the extent to which services need to be specifically tailored for women | Low and medium secure settings | Qualitative service user-led participatory research | Informa |
| Lorem & Hem  (2012)  *International Journal of Mental Health Nursing* | Attuned understanding and psychotic suffering: a qualitative study of health-care professionals' experiences in communicating and interacting with patients | To examine how experiences with mental illness are perceived by health-care workers, and how insight affects assessment of their perspective and involvement | Health-care professionals' experiences | Qualitative | Wiley- Blackwell |
| Mayers et al.  (2010)  *International Journal of Social Psychiatry* | Mental health service users’ perceptions and experiences of sedation, seclusion and restraint | To explore the perceptions and experiences of a group of service users who have been exposed to sedation, seclusion and restraint | Mental health care providers and mental health service users | Qualitative two phase study | Sage |
| Middelboe et al.  (2001)  *Acta Psychiatrica Scandinavica* | Ward atmosphere in acute psychiatric in-patient care: patients' perceptions, ideals and satisfaction | To investigate the relationship between patients' perception of the real and ideal ward atmosphere and their satisfaction | Psychiatric wards | Satisfaction questionnaire | Wiley- Blackwell |
| Mezey et al.  (2010)  *The Journal of Forensic Psychiatry & Psychology* | Perceptions, experiences and meanings of recovery in forensic psychiatric patients | To explore definitions, experiences, and perceptions of recovery in patients with severe mental illness, currently detained in medium secure psychiatric provision | Medium secure psychiatric setting | Qualitative | Taylor & Francis |
| Mullen  (2009)  *International Journal of Mental Health Nursing* | Mental health nurses establishing psychosocial interventions within acute inpatient settings | To discuss the problems with mental health nursing practice in acute inpatient units highlighted in the current literature | Acute inpatient units | Literature Review | Wiley- Blackwell |
| Nolan et al.  (2011)  *Journal of Mental Health Training, Education & Practice* | Service users' beliefs about acute in-patient admission | To present the beliefs that service users have on entry to mental health services | Acute care settings UK | Qualitative | Emerald |
| O’Donovan  2007  *Journal of Psychiatric & Mental Health Nursing* | Patient-centred care in acute psychiatric admission units: reality or rhetoric? | To explore psychiatric nurses' approach and philosophical underpinnings to care | Acute psychiatric admission units Ireland | Qualitative descriptive study | Wiley- Blackwell |
| Papadopoulos et al.  (2012)  *Acta Psychiatrica Scandinavica* | The antecedents of violence and aggression within psychiatric in-patient settings | Review the types and proportions of antecedents of violence and aggression within psychiatric in-patient settings | Psychiatric in-patient settings | Systematical review | Wiley- Blackwell |
| Priebe & Mccabe  (2008)  *International Review of Psychiatry* | Therapeutic relationships in psychiatry: the basis of therapy or therapy in itself? | To identify therapeutically effective elements of relationships and communication that can be tested in experimental studies | Clinician–patient communication in routine mental healthcare | Review | Informa |
| Radcliffe & Smith  (2007)  *Psychiatric Bulletin* | Acute in-patient psychiatry: how patients spend their time on acute psychiatric wards | To review levels of social interaction and activity among in-patients | 6 acute psychiatric wards in 6 hospitals | Ethnography | GFMEM Open access |
| Roberts & Boardman (2013)  *Advances in Psychiatric Treatment* | Understanding "recovery" | To examine the ideas, principles and definitions of recovery and their origins | Personal recovery, clinical recovery | Review | RC Psych |
| Roy et al.  (2009)  *The British Journal of Occupational Therapy* | Perception of community functioning in young adults with recent-onset psychosis: implications for practice | To explore the perception of outpatients in a youth psychosis clinic in Montreal regarding their community functioning | Youth psychosis clinic of the Hopital Sacre-Coeur in Montreal, Quebec, Canada | Multiple case study | Health Reference Centre |
| Sjöstedt et al.  (2001)  *Nursing Ethics* | The first nurse–patient encounter in a psychiatric setting: discovering a moral commitment in nursing | To deepen nurses’ understanding of the importance first nurse–patient encounter in a psychiatric setting according to each  patient’s suffering and future hopes | Acute psychiatric care in a rural hospital, Sweden | Action research | Sage |
| Slade  (2009) | 100 ways to support recovery: a guide for mental health professionals | To stimulate debate about how best to reform mental health services | Guide for mental health staff | Report of clinical practice and research programmes | Rethink |
| Slade  (2010)  *BMC Health Services Research* | Mental illness and well-being: the central importance of positive psychology and recovery approaches | To support the re-orientation of health services around promoting well-being | Narratives about recovery from mental illness | Synthesis | Springerlink |
| Stenhouse  (2011)  *Journal of Psychiatric & Mental Health Nursing,* | ‘They all said you could come and speak to us’: patients' expectations and experiences of help on an acute psychiatric inpatient ward | To gain insight into the experience of being a patient on an acute inpatient psychiatric ward | Acute care settings UK | Qualitative | Wiley- Blackwell |
| Summers & Barber  (2012) | Psychodynamic therapy: A guide to evidence-based practice | A guide to evidence-based understanding of psychodynamic therapy and current practice | Psychological treatment guidance | Review | Taylor and Francis |
| Thibeault et al.  (2010)  *Archives of Psychiatric Nursing* | Understanding the milieu experiences of patients on an acute inpatient psychiatric unit | To generate new understanding of patient experiences and suggest that the inpatient psychiatric milieu remains an important but often neglected component of psychiatric treatment | Acute inpatient psychiatric unit | Phenomen-ological inquiry | Mosby Nursing |
| Turton et al.  (2011)  *Social Psychiatry & Psychiatric Epidemiology* | One size fits all: or horses for courses? Recovery-based care in specialist mental health services | To extend understanding of the concepts of recovery held by patients in forensic settings | Mental Health Trust in South London | Qualitative research design to explore individual perspectives on recovery in face-to-face interviews | Springer |
| Usher et al.  (2010)  *Journal of Psychiatric & Mental Health Nursing* | Understanding clinical decision making for PRN medication in mental health inpatient facilities | To explore the clinical team decision-making process associated with the prescription and administration of PRN medication, by analysing responses to two vignettes of clinical situations. | Inpatient units – acute, rehabilitation and secure – located in a regional area of Queensland, Australia | Qualitative | Wiley- Blackwell |
| Wallcraft et al.  (2011)  *World Psychiatry* | Partnerships for better mental health worldwide: WPA recommendations on best practices in working with service users and family carers | To create recommendations for the international mental health community on how to develop successful partnership working | WPA Board and Council, Service Users and Family Carers Task Force | Literature review and shared knowledge | NCBI |
| Wallcraft  (2012)  *Journal of Adult Protection* | Involvement of service users in adult safeguarding | To summarise findings of a review of service user and carer involvement in safeguarding and recommendations for good practice | Experts in the field of adult safeguarding UK | Literature review and consultation | Emerald Health |
| Walsh & Boyle  (2009)  *Issues in Mental Health Nursing* | Improving acute psychiatric hospital services according to inpatient experiences. A user-led piece of research as a means to empowerment | To explore psychiatric inpatients' strategies for coping with mental ill health and in what ways acute inpatient psychiatric hospital services are facilitative to the individual attempting recovery | Acute inpatient psychiatric hospital | User-led Research | Informa |
| Ward & Syversen  2009  *Aggression & Violent Behavior* | Human dignity and vulnerable agency: an ethical framework for forensic practice | To provide a theoretical set of tools to aid practitioners to resolve concrete ethical issues in forensic practice, and therefore our treatment of specific ethical matters such as those associated with risk assessment is necessarily cursory | Forensic and correctional work | Integrated review of ethical frameworks | Science Direct |
| Weisser et al.  (2011)  *Centre for the Study of Gender, Social Inequities and Mental Health, Simon Fraser University*. | A critical exploration of social inequities in the mental health recovery literature | To facilitate and support the establishment of a collaboration of key experts and stakeholders from the field of mental health including decision makers, service providers, and service users interested in developing new conceptualizations of mental health recovery that are grounded in principles of citizen engagement (i.e. principles that value the participation of people living with mental health issues) and that recognise the impact of social and structural inequities on mental health and recovery | Literature in Canada, the US, the UK, Australia and New Zealand | Scoping review | Simon Fraser University |
| Whitelock  (2009)  *The Journal of Adult Protection* | Safeguarding in mental health: towards a rights-based approach | Implications for a new, rights-based approach to adult safeguarding | Mind association network UK | Survey and focus group research | Emerald |
| Winkler et al.  (2011)  *European Psychiatry* | Intensive care in psychiatry | Outlines current clinical practice at the psychiatric intensive care unit of the Medical University of Vienna (Austria) | Clinical data of 100 consecutive inpatients treated at the Viennese PICU in the years 2008 and 2009 | Clinical data review | Science direct |
| Wykes et al.  (2008)  *Schizophrenia Bulletin* | Cognitive behavior therapy for schizophrenia: effect sizes, clinical models, and methodological rigor | To explore the effect sizes of current CBTp trials including targeted and nontargeted symptoms, modes of action, and effect of methodological rigor | Psychological treatment guidance | Meta-analysis and investigation of the effects of trial methodology | Oxford Journals |

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