



Acceptance Criteria

	Clients will be accepted by Adult Mental Health services if
	1) The person is aged between 18 and 65 years, or younger, or older, where clinically appropriate and where suitable alternatives are not available.
And	2) Has a moderate to severe mental illness as diagnosed by a Psychiatrist
And	3) Their treatment and rehabilitation needs intervention from specialist mental health services

Exclusions

Mental health services do not accept clients who's problems are solely related to

- Violence and anger
- Intellectual disability (including post head injury), with or without behavioural difficulties
- Learning difficulties
- Criminal activity and antisocial behaviour
- Substance dependence and abuse (without psychiatric co morbidity)

Prioritisation

Accepted referrals are prioritised for assessment based upon the level of distress, dysfunction and disability ascertained by:

- Initial referral information
- Triage information
- Risk considerations
- Social, cultural and environmental considerations