

Societal costs of individuals with severe mental illness

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Methods

- Baseline costs of 188 individuals with severe mental illnesses (SMI)
- Participants in ongoing CE study of BPR
- Costs measured with TIC-P questionnaire*
- 6-months period prior to assessment



* Hakkaart-van Roijen, L., Straten, A. V., Tiemens, B., & Donker, M. C. H., 2002

Background

- Ongoing budget cuts makes insight into expenses of value necessary to policymakers and mental health institutions.
- Reliable cost estimate also necessary to assess cost-effectiveness of interventions
- Decisions on reimbursement within health care systems



Methods

- Total costs:
 - Days in hospital, supported and sheltered housing
 - Contacts with MHC professionals
 - Contacts outpatient medical services, home care
 - Visits to organized activities
 - Prices of (un)prescribed medication,
 - Cost made outside health care
 - informal home care
 - social support
 - unexpected health-related expenditures



Aim

- To provide insight into the costs associated with severe mental illnesses from a societal perspective.



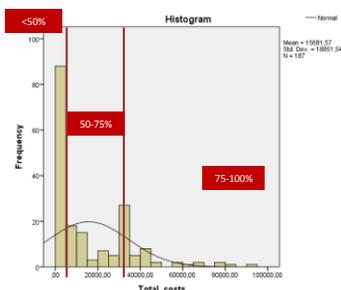
Baseline characteristics

N=188

Variable	
Gender - Female	42%
Educational level - low	39.4%
Living situation - Independent	56,8%
Clinical diagnosis - Psychosis	60%
Participation – paid/unpaid employment	41,5%
Age	39,89 (11,34)
Illness duration	15,56 (10,76)
Psychiatric symptoms - BPRS	44.61 (SD=13.01)



Results



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- Significant differences with higher costs for
 - Younger people (F(3, 183)=3,302, p = 0.022)
 - People in hosital or sheltered living $t(180)=8.961, p = 0.000$
 - Higher educated people $t(184)= -1.320, p = 0.006$
 - No paid/unpaid work: $t(185)=2.116, p = 0.001$
 - Shorter illness duration: $t(181)=2.070, p = 0.006$
- Chi kwadraat toetsen van maken!!
- Non-significant differences
 - Gender: $t(185)= -0.657, p = 0.353$
 - Diagnosis: $t(182)=2.671, p = 0.056$

Results

Categorie	Mean	cn	Range
Hospitalisations	3420,35	10255,22	0 – 57078,00
Supp/sheltered housing	6793,09	12437,09	0 – 45192,00
Outpatient medical serv.	1772,01	8674,14	0 – 64843,00
Home care	387,39	2353,05	0 – 27040,00
Organised activities	1256,19	3892,11	0 – 23478,00
Prescribed medication	225,69	707,96	0 – 6206,83
Unprescribed medication	17,14	82,86	0 – 1040
Informal home care	9,02	33,47	0 – 262,5
Social support	55,79	182,96	0 – 1955,57
Unexpected expenditures	41,98	217,20	0 – 2000
MHC professionals	1674,72	2324,97	0 – 22804,32
Total	15681,57	18851,54	49,29 – 94562,64

Discussion

- Not a representative group
- Lack of social support?
- More participation → less costs
- Higher education → more costs
- Risk equalisation: Are the criteria correct?



Results

