

Mental health professionals' views of schizophrenia (N=166)

Items	“Not true”		“Partially true”		“Completely true”	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Views of people with schizophrenia and their families						
People with schizophrenia can recover ^a	22	14	120	77	14	9
People with schizophrenia are unpredictable ^a	18	11	116	74	22	14
People with schizophrenia are dangerous ^a	36	22	121	74	6	4
People with schizophrenia are able to have a trusting relationship with the staff ^b	10	6	92	57	59	37
Families are resources for people with schizophrenia ^b	7	5	69	46	74	49
Need for long-term medication						
People with schizophrenia must take drugs over the life ^a	5	3	61	40	85	56
If stop taking drugs, people with schizophrenia become dangerous ^a	22	14	89	58	43	28
If stop taking drugs, people with schizophrenia become unwell again ^a	1	1	58	38	94	61
Usefulness of psychosocial interventions						
Rehabilitative interventions are useful in schizophrenia ^b	2	1	59	36	101	62
Psychoeducational family interventions are useful in schizophrenia ^b	6	4	42	26	111	70

^a Item drawn from the Opinions on mental disorders Questionnaire – revised (5); ^b item specifically developed for this study. Need for long-term medication (3 items), subscale's Cronbach alpha=.70; Usefulness of psychosocial interventions (2 items), subscale's Cronbach alpha=. 83.

Relationships of professionals' views about people with schizophrenia and their families with need for long-term medication and usefulness of psychosocial treatments

Items	Need for long-term medication		Usefulness of psychosocial interventions	
	Spearman's r coefficient	p	Spearman's r coefficient	p
People with schizophrenia can recover	-.21	<.05	.30	<.001
People with schizophrenia are unpredictable	.36	<.001	-.34	<.001
People with schizophrenia are dangerous	.43	<.001	-.34	<.001
People with schizophrenia are able to have a trusting relationship with the staff	-.44	<.001	.28	<.001
Families are resources for people with schizophrenia	-.08	=.4	.26	<.001

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