

Introduction: Digital technologies and interventions (defined as patient-facing or self-administered interventions delivered through a digital platform) have an increasing role in mental health care. It is key to ensure that appropriate patient and public involvement (PPI) is not overlooked when developing new digital mental health interventions (DMHIs). The unique perspective offered by those with lived experience can improve study conduct and design as well as ensure that interventions meet the needs of users, which may improve their quality and acceptability.

Objectives: To develop guidance for the involvement of people with lived experience of severe mental illness in designing and conducting research on DMHIs.

Methods: Four co-production workshops were arranged online with people who have lived experience of severe mental illness. Initial ideas were formulated in the first workshop and were then prioritised in the second workshop using the nominal group technique. The prioritised ideas were then refined in workshops three and four. Minutes were generated from each workshop and were validated by the those who took part. These minutes were analysed using thematic analysis.

Results: Nineteen people with lived experience participated in the co-production workshops overall. Six people took part in one workshop only and 13 took part in multiple workshops. Two main themes were identified in this study: why do people become and remain involved in PPI?; and what areas should be discussed within PPI consultations? Three subthemes associated with the second theme were also identified. These are: areas related to specific types of DMHI; areas related to any type of DMHI; and what can make a difference within DMHIs? To ensure that people become and remain interested in PPI around DMHIs, it is important to provide a non-judgemental space for people with lived experience to discuss any concerns and ensure they feel valued during consultations. Aspects to consider discussing in PPI consultations around the development of DMHIs include the provision of safety and security within DMHIs, issues around digital exclusion and the potential impact of people's symptoms on DMHI use. Finally, points that were identified as important to consider when developing DMHIs include offering encouragement throughout the DMHI, accommodating for individual and collective needs within DMHIs and developing a structure within the DMHI which includes adding in attainable goals.

Conclusions: If used, the information provided from this study can generate positive and productive PPI consultations where those with lived experience can make significant contributions to the development of DMHIs. Such contributions will increase the acceptability and efficacy of the DMHIs developed.

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The Online Support System for Mental Health Problems After the Earthquake: A Prompt Response from The Psychiatric Association of Turkey

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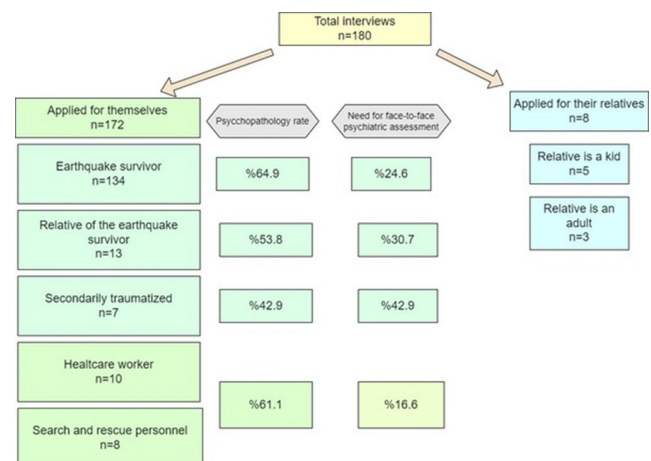
Introduction: Previous research demonstrated that disasters have adverse mental health outcomes. Preventive mental health interventions in the golden hours/days after a disaster may reduce psychological harm by getting in the way of emerging mental disorders or alleviating existing ones. The widespread use of smartphones and broad internet access enabled remote mental health interventions during disasters. After the 2023 Turkey earthquake, observing the mental health burden of the earthquake, The Psychiatric Association of Turkey conducted an online platform for psychological first aid. The aim was to unite volunteer psychiatrists and disaster survivors.

Objectives: This study presents the organization of an online mental health service during a disaster while reporting the characteristics of the service users.

Methods: The Psychiatric Association of Turkey called its members to volunteer for an Online Support System for Mental Problems After the Earthquake. The group regularly united to set standards of care. An action plan and algorithm were set up for applicants with acute suicidal, homicidal risk, or active psychotic symptoms in collaboration with local institutions and field volunteers. Volunteer psychiatrists were asked to collect information on the applicant's sociodemographic characteristics, disaster experience, and mental health status.

Results: Volunteer psychiatrists collected data on 180 applications. Most cases applied for themselves (%95.5), and some asked for advice to care for their relatives (%4.5). Earthquake survivors have the highest psychopathology rate (%64.9), followed by healthcare workers and search and rescue personnel (%61.1). Figure 1 summarizes the subgroups of the service users. The earthquake survivors group had a mean age of 34.45, % and 76.1 of them were female. Only %15.7 of them had lower educational levels than high school. %75 cases reached safe places on the 5th day of the disaster. Applicants reported discrimination and aggression after the catastrophe, related to experiencing mental health problems, owning a pet, looting, and being seen as less traumatized since their relatives are alive.

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Conclusions: The present experience of the Psychiatric Association of Turkey is an example of a fast and collaborative response to a disaster regarding mental health. Our results also represent the characteristics of online mental health service users during a disaster.

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