

Background

- Prolongation of inpatient treatment + increase in demand for forensic services
- Factors affecting LOS:
 - Socio-demographic
 - Forensic history
- Treatment variables:
 - Violence, substance abuse, absconding, non-compliance, seclusion, restraint, forced medication, co-morbid mental illness, co-morbid LD
 - Good therapeutic progress, participate in therapy programmes, work in hospital, in open ward, higher levels of ground leave, express remorse for crime, presence of positive sx in Schizophrenia

Objective

- Analyse LOS
- Consider all variables used in previous research
- Identify most influential variable
- Quantify predictive value for the variable for long v. short LOS