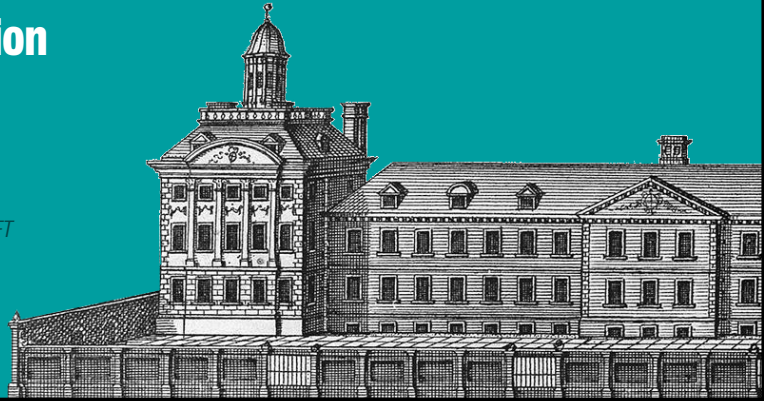


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Part 2

Drivers of deinstitutionalisation? (1)

1

Psychotropic medication revolution



2

Changes in professional attitudes post-WWII



3

The "open door" movement in mental hospitals



4

The introduction of occupational therapy and work rehabilitation



5

The rise of the "Welfare State"



6

The attractive concept of "community care"



7

Evolution of mental health law



8

Ideas about institutions



9

Cost



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Drivers for deinstitutionalisation: Professional perspectives (1)



Russell Barton, 1959



Erving Goffman, 1961



Wing and Brown, 1970

Barton (1959); Goffman (1961); Wing & Brown (1970)

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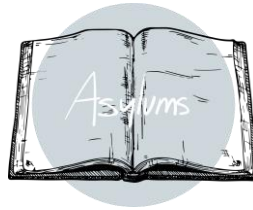
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Drivers for deinstitutionalisation: professional perspectives (2)



Russell Barton, 1959



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"Institutional neurosis"

apathy

lack of initiative

loss of interest

submissiveness

Barton (1959)

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Drivers for deinstitutionalisation: professional perspectives (3)



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sociological critique of the asylum and other "total institutions"

Goffman (1961)

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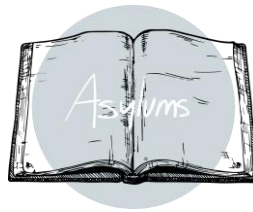
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Drivers for deinstitutionalisation: professional perspectives (4)



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Wing and Brown, 1970

The effect of institutional practices on psychiatric disability

“Negative” symptoms of schizophrenia

Wing & Brown (1970)

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Drivers for deinstitutionalisation: professional perspectives (5)



*“Upon my word, I think asylum
life is deadly to the insane”*

MITCHELL

S Weir Mitchell (1894)

Mitchell (1894)

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Drivers for deinstitutionalisation: politics



Enoch Powell, Minister of Health, 1961, Speech to the Conservative Party Conference

“ There they stand, isolated, majestic, imperious, brooded over by the gigantic water-tower and chimney combined, rising unmistakable and daunting out of the countryside – the asylums which our forefathers built with such immense solidity to express the notions of their day. Do not for a moment underestimate their powers of resistance to our assault ”

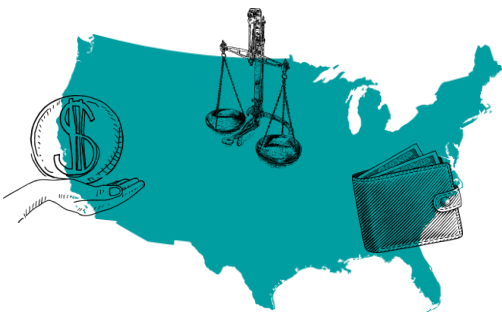
Powell (1961)

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Hospital closure



Early and rapid deinstitutionalisation

Financial and legal drivers



1986 Banstead Hospital closure

2000

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The English hospital closure programme (1)



Why did it take 25 years for England to move from a policy to practice?



Water Tower Speech in 1961



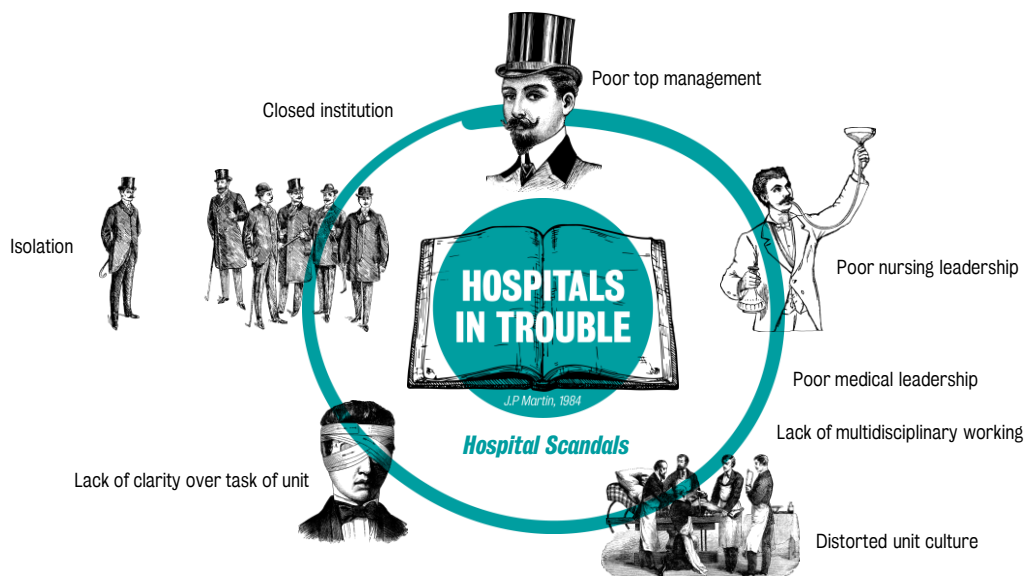
Banstead Hospital in 1986

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Drivers for deinstitutionalisation (2)



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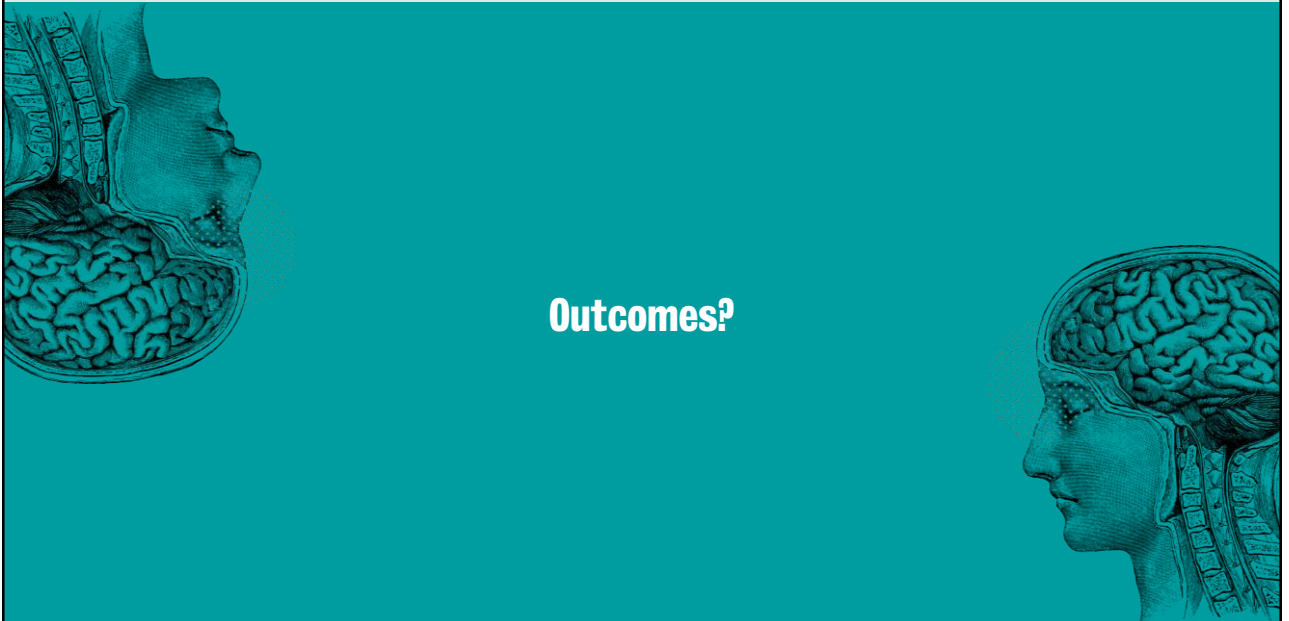
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Drivers for deinstitutionalisation (3)



Outcomes?



The English hospital closure programme (2)



Began in
1986

Use of some sites for general hospitals
and part-use of sites for inpatient units



Some **large** mental hospitals
have remained open



Development of small **“secure”** hospitals
within the NHS and the private sector

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Hospital closure: Cane Hill (1)



1882



1992

Hospital closed



2010

Building burnt down



Cane Hill Park

New housing development

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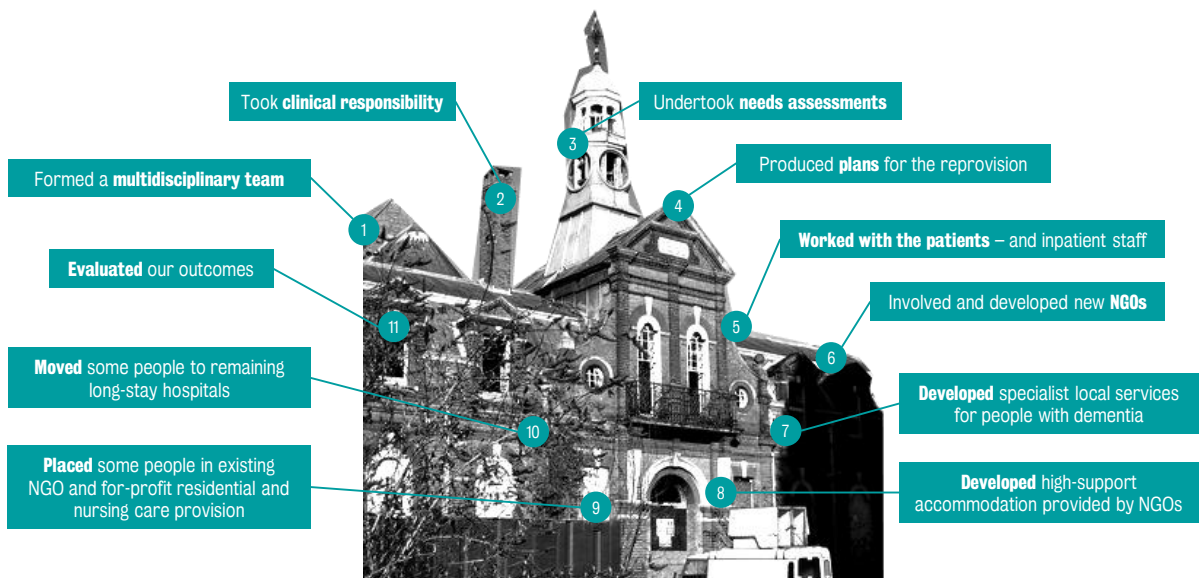
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Hospital closure: Cane Hill (2)



Cane Hill closure – what did we do? (1)



Cane Hill closure – what did we do? (2)

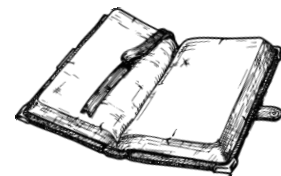
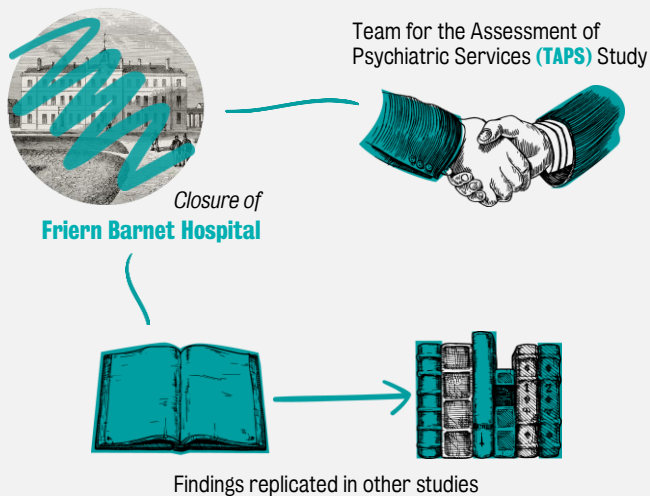


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Outcomes (1)



*Care in the Community
Illusion or Reality?*

Leff J (1997) Wiley

Leff (1997)

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Outcomes (2)

130 traditional Mental Hospitals
in England and Wales in 1975



116
had closed by 2001



Patients who were discharged
from **Friern Barnet**



Moved into traditional living settings

Were happier

Improvement in social functioning

Developed larger social networks

No homelessness and little offending behaviour

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Outcomes (3)

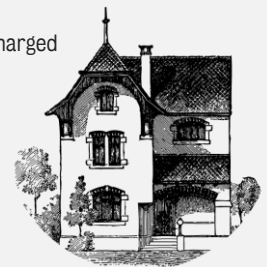
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Improvement in social functioning

Improvement in the level of
challenging behaviours

40% moved into non-hospital settings

Trieman and Leff, 2002 TAPS 44

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“ Any fool can close a long-stay hospital ”

“ ... it takes more time and trouble to do it properly and compassionately ”

Quotes from The Parliamentary Social Services Committee Report of 1985 on hospital closure and community care.

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Conclusion and complexities

1

Closing the large mental hospitals didn't abolish severe mental illness in the UK

2

The hospital closure programme destabilised acute inpatient services in deprived urban areas in the early 1990

3

In the UK inpatient beds have been replaced by care in high-support settings

4

Even with well-developed community services acute inpatient beds are required

5

Some people have continued to need longer-term inpatient care in forensic and rehabilitation inpatient settings

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