

Beyond bedlam - contemporary women psychiatric survivors speak out

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In an era of community care, where social inclusion (Spandler, 2007; D.G.H., 2006; Wainwright, 2001) and safety personalisation (DH, 2011) are key buzzwords in mental health service provision, official mental health service sites (acute wards, community mental health buildings) can be seen as being given less prevalence in service provision rhetoric (Bowers et al., 2005; 2006; 2009; Quirk & Lelliot, 2003; Quirk, Lelliot & Searle, 2006). Yet, as Quirk & Lelliot (2003) argue: 'no country has created a mental health system which can function without "acute psychiatric wards" (p. 1). Indeed, it has also been argued that limitations of community care policies have led to both 'trans-institutionalisation' (Friebe et al., 2005), particularly in the form of an increase of those with diagnosed mental health problems in prison (Fazel & Danesh, 2002; Friebe et al., 2005; Singleton, Hopton & Garsland, 1999), and 're-institutionalisation', in the form of an increase in hospital admissions and supported housing (Friebe & Turner, 2003). Furthermore, Bowers et al. (2006) identified an increase in the practice of locking psychiatric wards over the past ten years, whilst also noting an associated increase in violent behaviour in those wards which are locked. These observations perhaps stand as a counter to some of the more utopian discourse of community care (Symonds, 1998) conveying a narrative of escape from confinement, exemplified in such titles as 'Outside the Walls of the Asylum' (Bartlett & Wright, 1999), 'Beyond the Water Towers' (S.C.M.H., 2005), and even 'Beyond Buildings' (D.G.H., 2006). Recent empirical research in both geography and social psychiatry (e.g., Bowers et al., 2006; Curtis et al., 2007; 2009; Quirk, Lelliot & Searle,

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