



UCL Institute of Mental Health: Research Activity Audit

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Introduction

Audit

Method

We undertook a systematic search of scientific and clinical journals for publications within the field of mental health by UCL-affiliated authors since 2016. We used the results to generate a list of authors, and individual Divisions and Institutes within UCL then validated this list. Specific research interests were gathered by

and publication list. This process allowed us to create a comprehensive picture of UCL staff and affiliated clinicians who work in the area of mental health.

Results

Through this process, we found 981 publications produced between 2016 and 2020 by UCL authors on the topic of mental health. Many of these papers were in fields such as psychology, psychiatry, epidemiology and neuroscience. We also identified a significant proportion of more specialised fields, such as mental health in relation to computer science, basic biological science, general practice and the built environment among others.

From those papers and by contacting individual UCL departments, we identified 798 members of staff across UCL who are engaged in mental health research.

Importantly we also identified the wide breadth of Divisions and Institutes where this work is undertaken, thereby demonstrating the potential for interdisciplinary strength within UCL.

Conclusions

The audit shows how multidisciplinary

efforts in the field of mental health research. While the major bulk of this of activity is in the Faculty of Brain Sciences it extends far beyond that. Indeed, it is somewhat arbitrary to classify the topics in the way we have done in these graphics. Some are disorder specific, some refer to techniques or methodologies while others concern knowledge disciplines. Nevertheless, we believe this provides a useful summary and a sound foundation for the new Institute of Mental Health.

The following pages contain visualizations of the data found in the audit, showing the divisions and areas of interests identified.

Further information about the research activity audit and results are accessible on the website:

ucl.ac.uk/mental-health/research-audit

Divisions and Institutes with more than ten Mental Health Researchers



Divisions and Institutes with less than ten Mental Health Researchers



Identified research themes



These are the different research interest categories identified during the audit. While every effort has been made to ensure that a wide and accurate range of subject areas are represented, in order for the data to be useable we have consolidated them into broader categories.