

Prevention Of Violence Committed By Individuals With Serious Mental Disorders: Challenges In The Interprofessional Collaboration

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One-third of homicides and attempted homicides in Norway were committed by individuals with serious mental disorders in the period 2014-2021 (Kriplos, 2022). Less healthcare capacity and resources are challenges in the healthcare system when dealing with this patient group (Hansen et al., 2022; SIFER, 2020). At the same time, investigations and analyses of serious incidents indicate that poor collaboration among stakeholders may add to the risk of violence by individuals with serious mental disorders (Ukom, 2022; Politihøgskolen, 2021; Helsetilsynet, 2021). The patient group with the potential for violence faces complex challenges and needs, they often require assistance from multiple stakeholders. Therefore, collaboration among stakeholders is crucial to successfully meet the needs of this patient group.

This paper undertakes to study Norwegian society's ability to meet the needs of vulnerable individuals and protect them from posing a threat to themselves and to society. Empirical findings are collected through document analysis of mandates and directives for actors involved in handling this patient group, reports on extreme violence committed by individuals with serious mental disorders and statistics of the extent of this problem.

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