



IPS fidelity assessment – importance and challenges

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Introduction: Impact and effectiveness

- The conference's subtitle is about impact and effectiveness
- Highlight the importance of
 - quality of IPS implementation
 - loyalty to the international IPS fidelity scale
 - the value of recognized fidelity reviews
- Raise some challenges in quality assessment in Finland

Fidelity scale and reviews as important backbone

- Fidelity scale is extensive and comprehensive
 - Supports the introduction of IPS activity in new organization
 - Helps learning the method
 - Serves to explain the importance of IPS to management
- With help of fidelity reviews, IPS clients in an equal position regardless of place of residence or service provider

Recognized current risks

Partial implementation of the method

- Today in Finland, various organizations have interest in IPS
- Some willing to implement the IPS method partially only
 - Picking up a selection of items from the fidelity scale
 - No fidelity reviews based on the IPS method
 - Commercial interests arise in the difficult economic situation
- The IPS method at risk of dilution and loss of systematic implementation
- Reliable comparison in research at risk
- A different service, when called IPS, blurs general understanding of what is IPS



Funding and commitment to quality assurance

- In Finland, no permanent funding for IPS
 - How to ensure fidelity to the method?
 - Needed training, fidelity assessing and research
- What are future ways of conducting fidelity reviews?
 - Recommended travelling to the site time-consuming & expensive
 - Self-evaluation, peer evaluation



The future of IPS in Finland

National coordination important

- In Finland, wide interest to IPS in various client groups and organizations
 - Long-term unemployed persons, NEET youth, persons with less severe mental disorders
- Important to find solutions for quality assurance



Thank you!

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