Mental Health

In April 2023, the National Mental Health Policy Framework and Strategic Plan for 2023 – 2030 was released at South Africa’s first National Mental Health Conference. This conference provided a much needed platform for service providers, policy-makers, mental health experts, health service managers and those living with mental health issues, and their families, to share experiences and shape strategies to strengthen mental health service provision in the country.

To further this conversation, the editors of the 2024 South African Health Review (SAHR) invite the submission of abstracts that aim to address the challenges facing mental health care in South Africa, including how to improve access to quality mental health services, and address current gaps in mental health service provision at all levels of the health service from community through primary and tertiary care levels.

This edition of the SAHR will take the opportunity to obtain expert and stakeholder analysis and commentary that will enable the country to effectively implement and deliver on the National Mental Health Policy Framework and Strategic Plan for 2023 – 2030.

Preferences will be given to abstracts that consider the following:
- Equitable distribution and financing of mental health care services
- Planning, organisation and integration of mental health services
- Promotion, prevention and rehabilitation strategies for mental health
- Addressing current gaps and weaknesses in existing mental health services
- Human resources and training
- Mental health in specific populations
- Stigma, discrimination and human rights
- Intersectoral collaboration
- Emerging trends and technologies in mental health care

Please take note:
- The body of the abstract may not exceed 300 words.
- To submit an abstract, please use our online template
- All abstracts will undergo a systematic selection process.
- Submission of an abstract for the SAHR does not guarantee acceptance.

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Deadline for abstract submissions: 31 January 2024

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