

## Protecting the mental health of NHS staff

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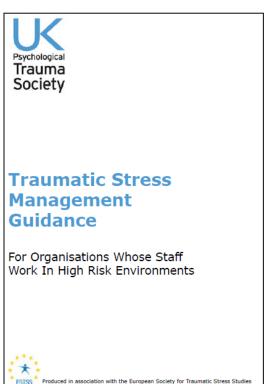


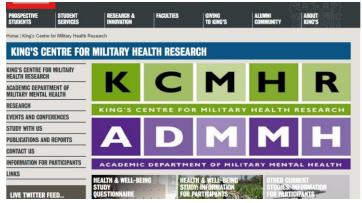


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- RC Psychiatrists Chair of Occupational Psychiatry SIG and Lead for Trauma
- Served in the Royal Navy for 23+ years
- Managing Director of March on Stress Ltd
- Part of NHSE/I Wellbeing Team, Recovery Commission & Expert Ref Gp
- Set up the MH staff support strategy at London Nightingale Hospital (won an RC Psych Team award!!)

Main Sources of www. Information http://epr.hpru.nihr.ac.uk/





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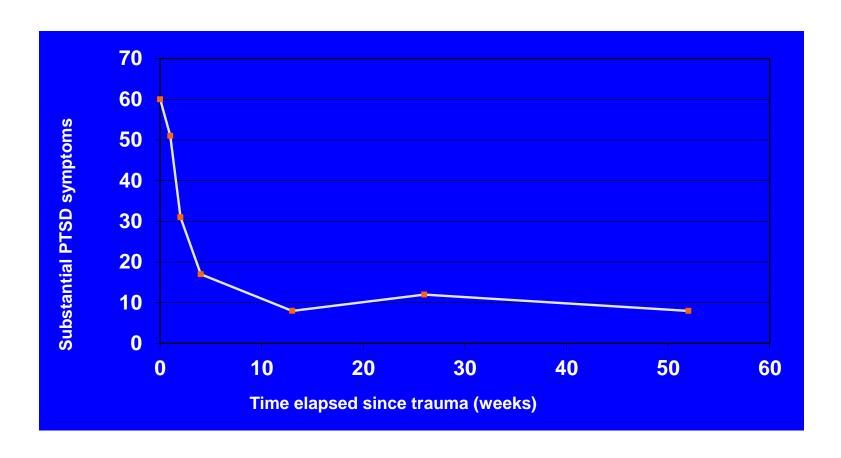
# Risks to mental health since the COVID 19 pandemic

Traumatic exposure



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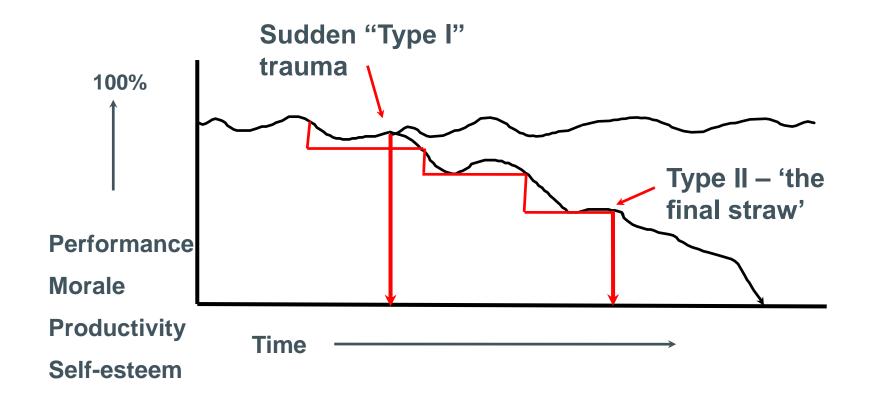
## What is the natural history of PTSD?





PTSD 'caseness' of patients directly involved in a raid over time. Data from Richards (1997) The Prevention of PTSD after armed robbery: the impact of a training programme within Leeds Permanent Building Society.

## Type 1 and type 2 traumas







# Risks to mental health since the COVID 19 pandemic

Traumatic exposure

Workload and shift patterns

Home life stressors

Moral injury

## Moral Injury?



Profound distress following a 'transgressive act' that violates one's moral or ethical code

well - moral distress - moral injury - illness

Potential Morally Injurious Eve

- Commission
  - I did things I should not have done
  - I am a monster
  - My team did things they should never have done
- Omission
  - I froze and people died
  - I just let it happen
- Betrayal [often, but not always, by a higher authority]
  - My supervisor had no interest in my safety
  - They lied to cover up their errors



#### **Review article**

# Occupational moral injury and mental health: systematic review and meta-analysis

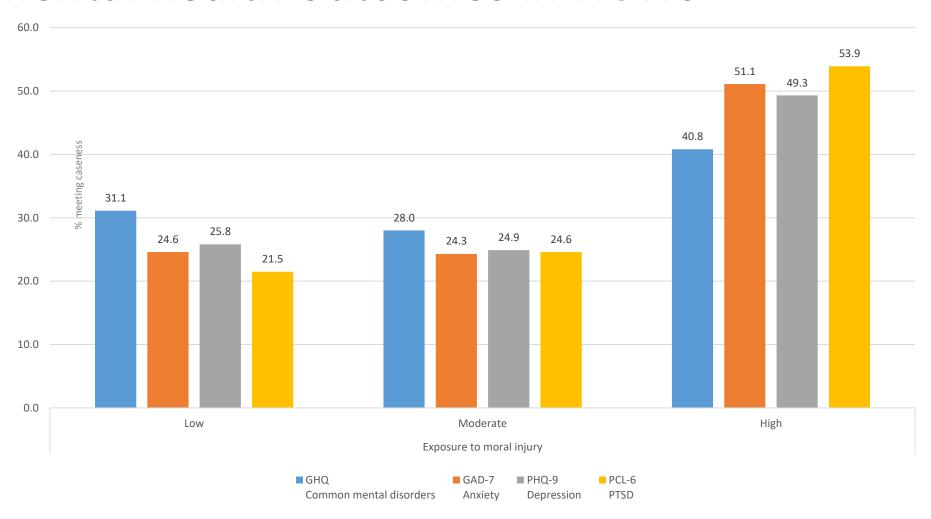
Victoria Williamson, Sharon A.M. Stevelink and Neil Greenberg

#### **Background**

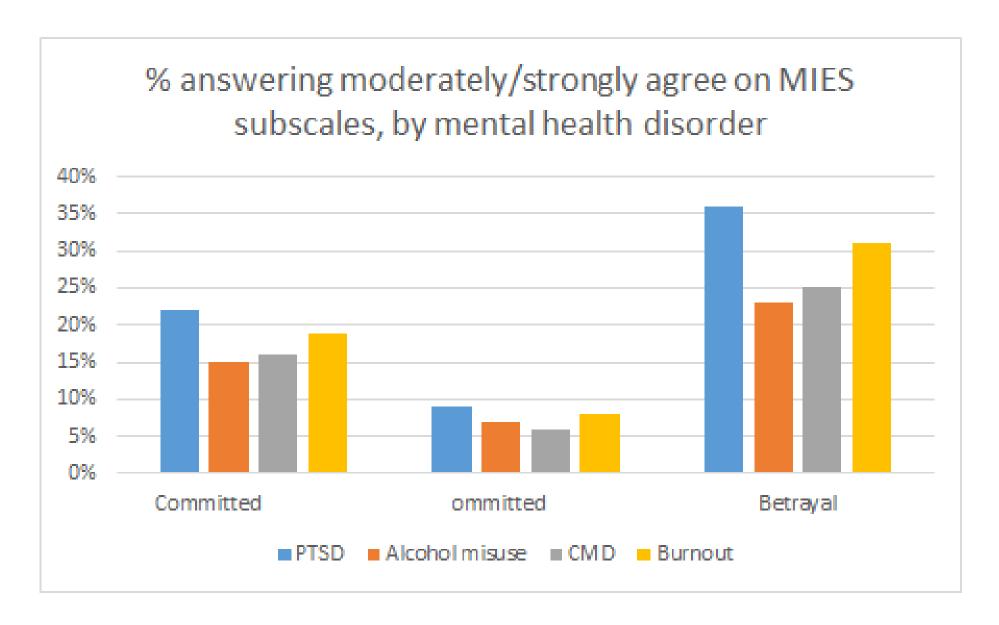
Many people confront potentially morally injurious experiences (PMIEs) in the course of their work which can violate deeply held moral values or beliefs, putting them at risk for psychological diffi-

was not consistently significant. Moderator analyses indicated that methodological factors (e.g. PMIE measurement tool), demographic characteristics and PMIE variables (e.g. military v. non-military context) did not affect the association between a PMIE and montal health outcomes.

# Potentially morally injurious events (PMIEs) and mental health outcomes in HCWs



## Types of moral injury and MH disorders in HCWs



# So what to do about risk of poor mental health for HCWs?



## Sustaining staff at work from

• Buddy up

**Editorial** 

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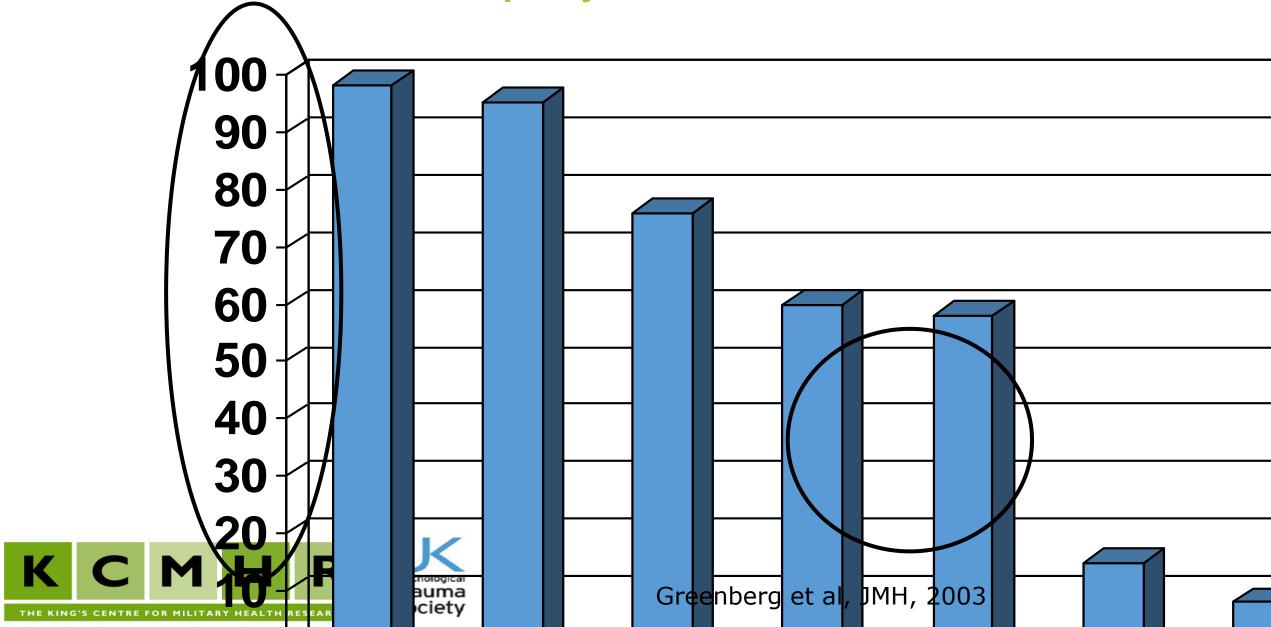
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## Who do deployed staff talk to?



## Sustaining staff at work

Buddy up

- Supervisors able to have
- psychologically savvy chats
- carry out post shift reviews
- "check up from the neck up"

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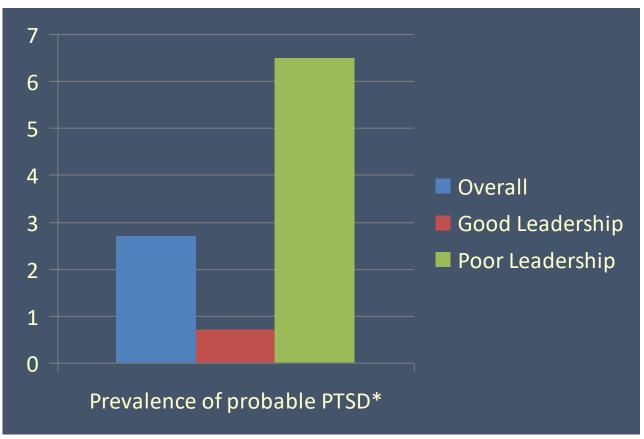
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# Supervisory leadership and PTSD – Afghanistan 2010

#### Good leadership 3+ of:

'my leaders never or seldom...

- a. 'embarrass unit members in front of others'
- b. 'accept extra unit duties in order to impress their seniors' 'my leaders often or always...'
  - c. 'treat all members of the unit fairly'
  - d. 'show concern about the safety of unit members'



## Psychologically Savvy Supervisors

Evidence from FRNSW on benefits of training supervisors



Workplace mental health training for managers and its effect on sick leave in employees: a cluster randomised controlled trial

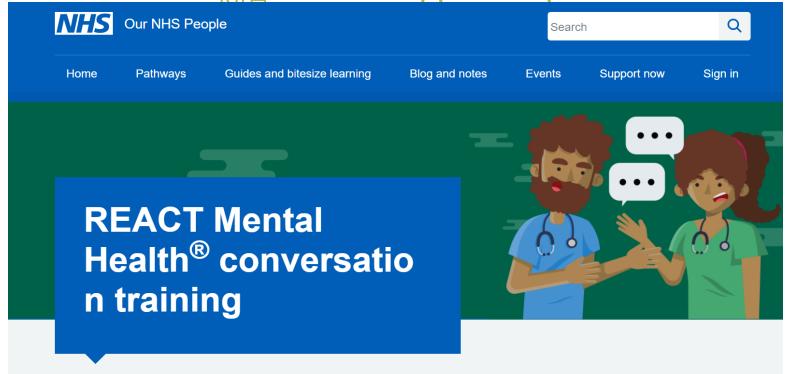
Josie S Milligan-Saville, Leona Tan, Aimée Gayed, Caryl Barnes, Ira Madan, Mark Dobson, Richard A Bryant, Helen Christensen, Arnstein Myklet Samuel B Harvey

Lancet Psychiatry 2017;

Background Mental illness is one of the most rapidly increasing causes of long-term sickness absence, despite improved rates of detection and development of more effective interventions. However, mental health training for

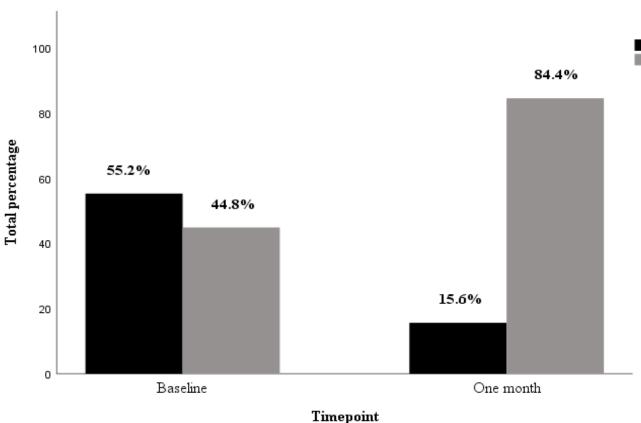
- Confidence to discuss MH was key
- ½ day training (but shorter also possible)
- Benefits from training managers (£1 for £10; Milligan-Saville, Lancet Psychiatry, 2017)

REACT<sub>MH</sub> training – supervisor confidence



One hour's remote active listening skills training led to a substantial improvement in supervisor's confidence to recognise, speak with and support distressed colleagues which was still evident one month after the training

## REACT<sub>MH</sub> evaluation



## An evaluation of REACTMH mental health training for UK healthcare supervisors

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#### Confident supporters

- Underconfident supporters
- Confident supporters

#### Sustain

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Peer support

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### **Guidelines for Peer Support in High-Risk Organizations: An International Consensus Study Using the Delphi Method**

Mark C. Creamer, <sup>1,2</sup> Tracey Varker, <sup>1,2</sup> Jonathan Bisson, <sup>3</sup> Kathy Darte, <sup>4</sup> Neil Greenberg, <sup>5</sup> Winnie Lau, <sup>1,2</sup> Gill Moreton, <sup>6</sup> Meaghan O'Donnell, <sup>1,2</sup> Don Richardson, <sup>7</sup> Joe Ruzek, <sup>8</sup> Patricia Watson, <sup>9</sup> and David Forbes <sup>1,2</sup>

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- Peer supporters should:
- (a) provide an empathetic, listening ear;
- (b) provide low level psychological intervention;
- (c) identify colleagues who may be at risk to themselves or others;
- (d) facilitate pathways to professional help.

## TRiM – Trauma Risk Management



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# Promoting organizational well-being: a comprehensive review of Trauma Risk Management

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## Trauma Risk Management (TRiM)- What is it?

- Peer group support and risk assessment strategy
- Set up within the Royal Marines in late '90s now all UK military (since 2007), FCDO, BBC, Em Serv, train companies
- 'Human Resource' initiative
- TRIM is not a cure assesses psychological risk & sugge evidence & practice / workforce and signposts
- Trained practitioners at all levels/grades
- 50+ NHS trusts using TRiM

PEER-REVIEWED

#### Why you should read this article:

- To increase your understanding of the Trauma Risk Management model of psychological peer support
- To appreciate the potential benefits of peer support for staff exposed to challenging events or times

#### Psychological peer support for staff: implementing the Trauma Risk Management model in a hospital setting

Moya Flaherty and Victoria Elizabeth O'Neil

Flaherty M. O'Neil VE (2021) Psychological peer support

sychological well-being of nurses and other healthcare staff has received greater atten-

This article describes the development and expansion of the SOS service, the imple of the TRIM model by the SOS team, and the significant part the service has played in the trust's response to the increased psychological support needs of its staff during the COVID-19 pande

This article has been subject

### What Peer Practitioners are not!

- Counsellors
- Therapists
- Pseudo-psychologists
- Group Huggers
- Scented Candle users



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But don't do.....

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### How to deal with PTSD

What isn't recommended...

- "Psychological Debriefing"
- •For PTSD, drug treatments NOT a first line treatment (different for depression)
- Not Benzodiazepines

What is recommended...

- "Active monitoring"
- Checking in after a month
- Trauma-focused treatments (CBT and EMDR) for adults and children if unwell [EMDR slightly less evidenced that TF-CBT]

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## 'Forward' Psychiatry

- This refers to a nip it in the bud approach
- Can be put in place by manage adopt a 'return to duty' approx
- Four principles (PIES)

Proximity Immediacy Expectancy Simplicity

#### **Article**

## Frontline Treatment of Combat Stress Reaction: A 20-Year Longitudinal Evaluation Study

Zahava Solomon, Ph.D.

Rami Shklar, Ph.D.

Mario Mikulincer, Ph.D.

**Objective:** The purpose of the study was to evaluate the long-term (20-year) effectiveness of frontline treatment provided to combat stress reaction casualties.

Method: A longitudinal quasi-experimen-

matic and psychiatric symptoms and of social functioning.

**Results:** Twenty years after the war, traumatized soldiers who received frontline treatment had lower rates of posttraumatic

## The aim for recovery [and evolu

Psychological resilience and post-traumatic growth in disaster-exposed organisations: overview of the literature

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#### ABSTRACT

As disasters become increasingly prevalent, and reported on, a wealth of literature on post-disaster mental health has been published. Most published evidence focuses on symptoms of mental health problems (such as post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and anxiety) and psychosocial factors increasing the risk of such symptoms. However, a recent shift in the literature has

#### Key messag

- This paper provides an overview of the literature on factors associated with resilience in disaster-exposed employees, and the potential positive impact of experiencing a disaster (post-traumatic growth).
- This paper provides an overview of the
- Aim not just to avoid illness but foster Post Traumatic Growth (PTG) which is:
- 1. a concept which describes
- 2. positive psychological change
- experienced as a result of 'struggling with' [or experiencing] highly challenging, highly stressful life circumstances
- There is a debate about whether someone needs to 'struggle' to experience PTG

- Personalised
- Family
- Reminder of services available

of the public looking for information and advice about coronavirus (COVID-19), including information about th HS website. You can also find guidance and support on the GOV.UK website.

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#### **Support offers**

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Bereavement and trauma support line for our Filipino colleagues

There is a team of fully qualified and trained professionals, all of whom are Tagalog speak

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- Graded return to work
- Take leave due
- Extra leave
- Reconnect
- Downtime (switch off)
- Personal reflection

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- Reflective Practice
  Meaningful, leader-led, open discussion
- Discussion about: Facts, Impact, functioning Now & Education
- Aims to:
  - Create 'a meaningful narrative'
  - Reduce stress
  - Improve working relationships

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Supervisor discussions esp for higher risk/secondary stressors

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health-promoting leadership focused on psychological healthwas associated with decreased odds of PTSD, depression, anxiety, and burnout, and increased odds of high morale and avoiding unnecessary risk

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- Ongoing active monitoring
- iaw NICE guidelines
- Self-check tool (protect the person and

the employer)

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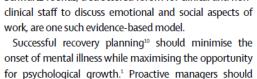
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## Conclusion of what to do for HCW [and other

- De not over medicalises
- 'Nip it in the bud' approach
- Build team support as a priority inc. psychologically savvy supervisors & peer support
- Active line management (PIES) for acute distress
- Recovery and evolution
- Thank you
- Graded return
- Time for reflection
- Supervisory rtw interviews
- Active monitoring (inc self check)
- Evidence based care

