# The impact of Integrated Mental Health Programme in the management of patients with common mental disorders in the primary care: a two-year service review

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### Background

Depression

**Dysthymia** 

Common mental disorders (CMD)

Adjustment disorder

**GAD** 

Panic disorder

Insomnia

PAST

Psychiatry Specialist Outpatient Clinic

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Integrated Mental Health Programme

Since October 2011

### **Objectives**

Make early identification and intervention of patients with CMD

Avoiding stigmatization in patients with CMD by allowing management in community setting

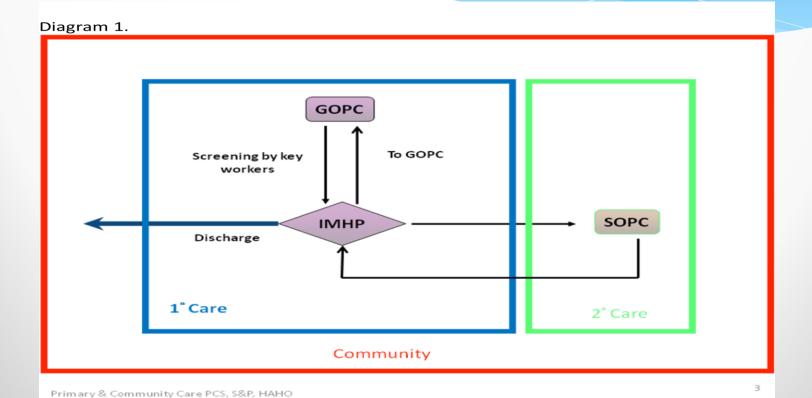
**Empower of general out-patient clinic** 

Reduction of psychiatric referral rate

Raising mental health awareness in public

Improving quality of primary health care in whole person management

### Team structure





### **Educational Groups**



### Aim of study

\* This study explored the effectiveness of IMHP in managing patients with CMD in the primary care setting and assessed its contributions in reducing Psychiatric Specialist OPD workload.

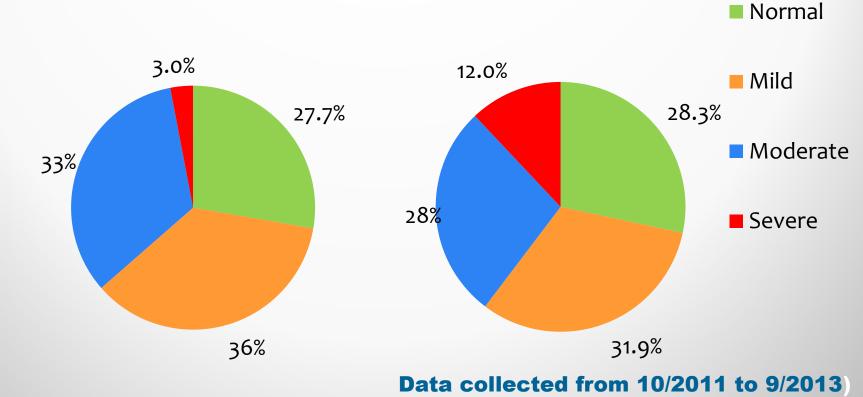
### Methodology

- \* All patients referred to KCC IMHP from 10/2011 to 09/2013 were reviewed. They were screened by standard assessment tools including PHQ-9 for depression and GAD-7 for anxiety.
- \* Score of 5,10 and 20 in PHQ-9 represents cut-points for mild, moderate and severe depression and score of 5,10 and 15 in GAD-7 for mild, moderate, and severe anxiety.
- \* For those successfully closed cases, their pre- and post-IMHP mood scores were compared.
- Student's t-test was used for analyzing continuous variables and Chi-square test for categorical data.
- \* All statistical tests are two-sided, a p-value of <0.05 was considered significant.

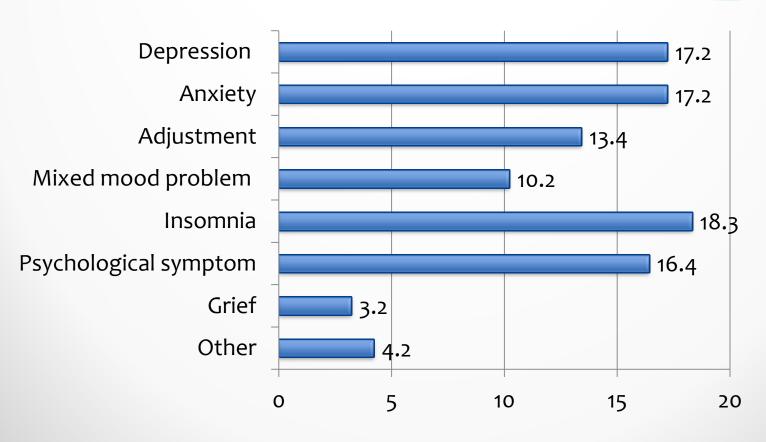
### Results

### Distribution of Baseline PHQ-9 for Depression

### Distribution of Baseline GAD-7 for Anxiety

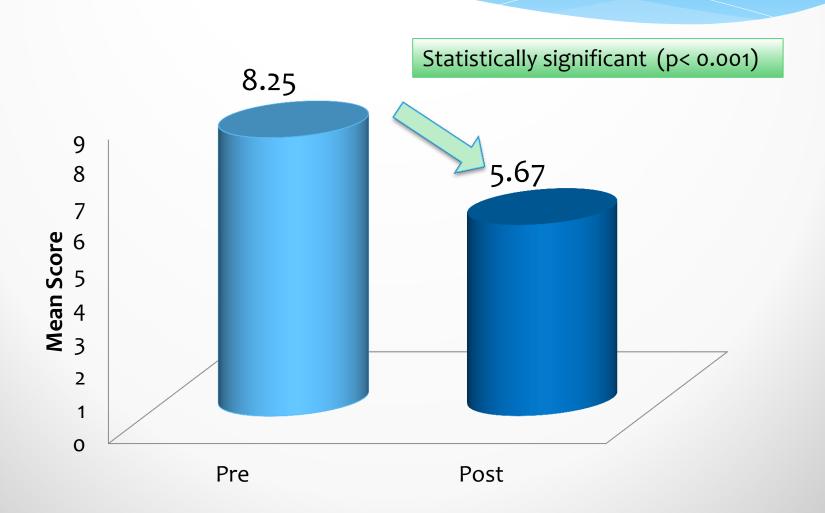


### Distribution on Nature of CMD

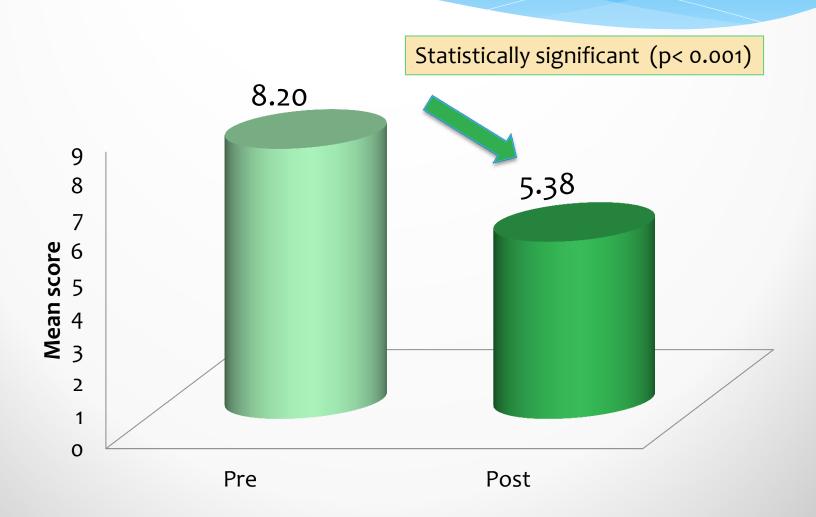


Proportion of patients (%)

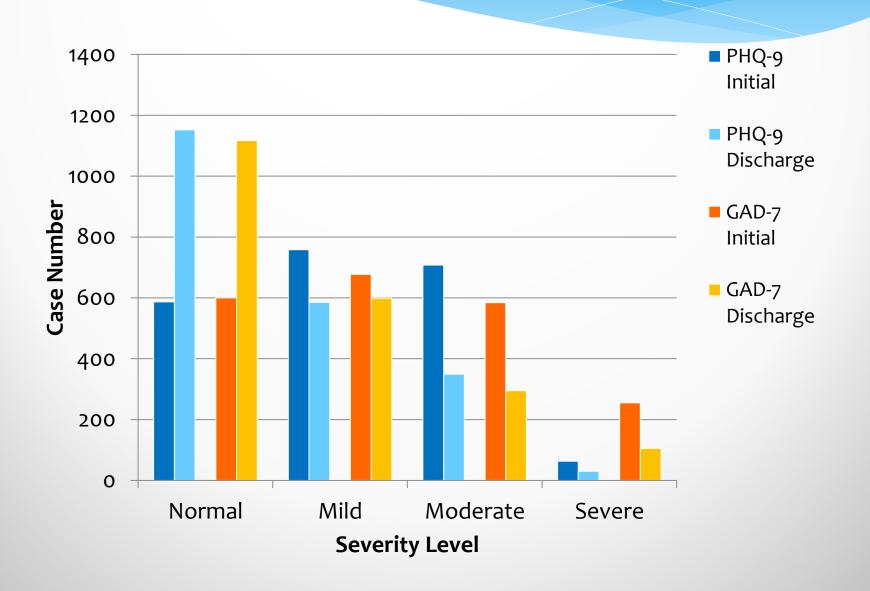
### Pre- and post- PHQ-9 mean score



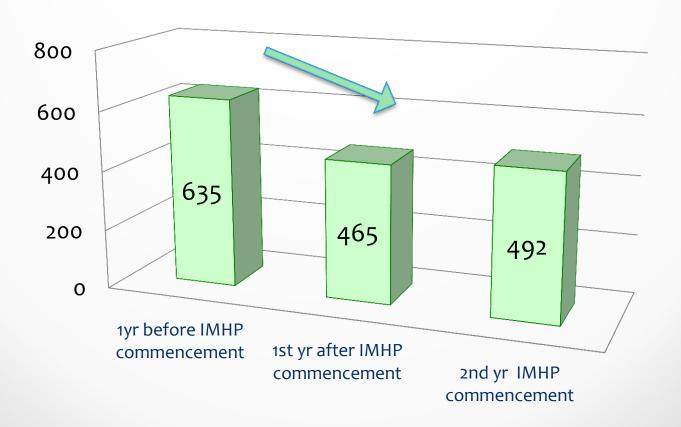
### Pre- and post- GAD-7 mean score



### Distribution of PHQ-9 and GAD-7 on Severity level (n=2119)



#### **Number of Psychiatric referral**



#### Conclusion

- \* These findings supported that IMHP is effective in managing CMDs patients in primary care setting.
- \* Mood scores of depression and anxiety disorders have all been significantly reduced after the programme.
- \* This multi-disciplinary service model has provided a more effective way of resource utilization and helped to reduce the patient load in need of psychiatric specialist care.

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