

ABSTRACT

Background: Compulsory drug treatment could be imposed by court in case the offender commits a crime while he was intoxicated or his acting was otherwise connected to drugs. There must be a real hope, that this kind of treatment could have any positive results as well considering individuality and motivation of the offender. The professionals in the Czech republic are questioning meaning and efficiency of this kind of treatment for drug users. These doubt are based on fact, that persons which are mandated to treatment by court have a very low level of motivation to treatment and try to escape from institution or otherwise break the rules.

Objective: aim of this study is to determine what beliefs and attitudes manifested staff of psychiatric hospitals in relation to compulsory drug treatment with consideration of its legal framework and efficiency.

Methods: In this study was applied qualitative approach. Data was collected by semi-structured interview, then transcribed and the results were gain by using descriptive method. File size of the research was five respondents.

Results: It was found, that the respondents were significantly affected by their profession in way they answer the questions. The legal framework of compulsory drug treatment was positively valued by two respondets, the rest of respondents complains about its lack of adjustment for operation this treatment - especially there are no clear requirements in the czech law for security of instituion where is compulsory drug treatment provided. Respondents also indicate a poor patient motivation for treatment, which makes treatment uneasy and sometimes even impossible to run, but none of the respondents would think the compulsory drug treatment has no sense at all.

Conclusions: The compulsory drug treatment would lead to successful results if there is patient's motivation training and in some cases if we simply accept other goals of compulsory drug treatment, not just patient's abstinence as appreciated.

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