

ABSTRACT

The intention of this thesis is description and understanding of experience of stigmatization in people, who live with affective disorders. Another goal is identification of various phenomena, which can occur during this experience and are in some way key for it. For these reasons we decided for qualitative approach in our research. As a specific method we chose the Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis, because it allows putting major focus on the form of experience of each individual participant. The participants were two females and two males in the age from 20 to 28 and all of them have experience with depressive disorder or bipolar affective disorder. We acquired the data with the assistance of semi-structured interviews and analysis of this data took place on two levels. First the individual experience of each participant was analyzed with its specifics to the greatest detail possible. Following analysis of themes which were common for few or all participants and were in some way significant to them within the framework of examined phenomenon. Those themes are disclosing of diagnosis and symptoms, experience of mental illness in the surroundings, stigmatizing statements and behavior, complications in romantic relationships, complication at workplace and passing on own experience to the others. In the end we compared our findings with available and relevant scientific literature.

KEYWORDS

stigmatization, affective disorder, Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis