

The case for women only PICUs

A historical perspective

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- PICUs were created in the 1990s.
- They were initially male only wards, later mixed sex wards.

Brown et al. (2008)

Men 78.5%
Women 28.5%
Mean age of 35

Caucasian 74%
Black 18%

Schizophrenia 55%
Affective disorder 24%
Personality disorder 5%

O'Brien et al. (2013)

Men 84.6%
Women 15.4%
Mean age of 38

Caucasian 58%
Black 31%

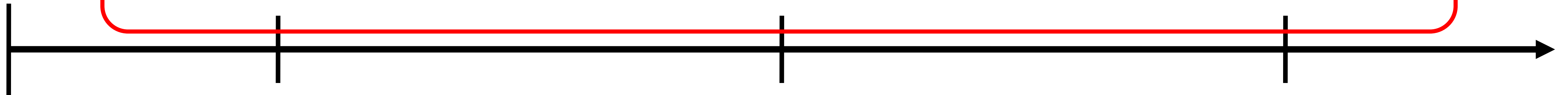
Schizophrenia 53%
Affective disorder 26%
Personality disorder 5%

Cullen et al. (2018)

Men 74%
Women 26%
Mean age of 25-34

Caucasian 28%
Black 63%

Schizophrenia 36%
Affective disorder 27%
Personality disorder 3%



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- Are women only PICUs justified?
- Do women have specific MH needs?
- Are there consistent differences between men and women accessing PICUs?

Brown et al. (2008)

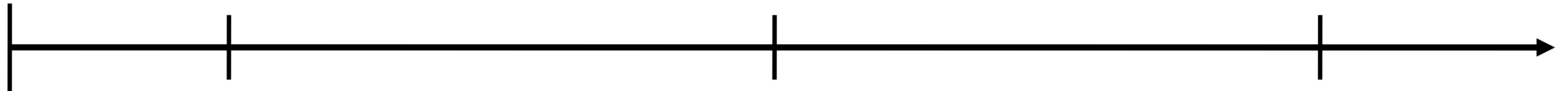
- Older women (mean age 35)
- More likely to be partnered
- Lower ETOH/substance misuse
- Higher incidence of DSH
- Higher prevalence of PD

Archer et al. (2016)

- Fewer convictions
- More MH admissions
- Higher prevalence of PD & depression
- Lower ETOH/substance misuse
- More co-morbid anxiety & ED

Balachandra & Benson (2014)

- Higher incidence of aggression
- Higher use of rapid tranquillisation
- Higher use of restraints



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A current perspective

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Current Perspectives....



A different
view?



Our work....

The
Future.....



Operationalising.....



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