

Workshop on *Diagnosis in Psychiatry*: Introduction

A very successful workshop on Psychiatric Diagnosis was held at the Brentwood Hotel, Wellington, on 16th July, 2012. Since the participants were very diverse, this workshop requires more than one report.

The shorter document (*Synopsis of Workshop on 16th July*) attempts to be an objective report of what happened on the day, with little in the way of interpretation or comment.

The longer report (*Full Report and Commentary on Workshop “Diagnosis in Psychiatry”, Brentwood Hotel, Wellington, 16th July, 2012*) contains a Summary, and what follows is split into two parts. The first part describes the aims, the program, and the overall style of the workshop, and summarises the final discussion around the question “Where to from here?” The second and longer part is based on material presented at the workshop, and in feedback/evaluation forms, but also on a variety of other published material (including papers authored by presenters at the workshop). Supplementary documents are also attached as PDF files.

This commentary attempts to analyse, interpret and comment on the complex issues raised, and towards the end, suggests ways of moving towards a resolution of these issues. This represents my own views, though of course they are influenced by the many viewpoints heard on the 16th and at other time. Any conclusions should not be regarded as definitive statements, but rather as steps in what is hoped to be an on-going debate. On the website of *Kites Trust* (<http://www.kites.org.nz>), a blog-post has been set up for these discussions. Further comments are welcomed to advance this discussion, perhaps leading to another, more sharply-focused workshop in the not-too-distant future.

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