

PLENARY SESSION ONE Event Code: LEE22-00523 World Mental Health Congress London Mental Health a Global Priority, London, UK 28/06/2022-01/07/2022 Your details Afzal Javed (as you want them listed in the programme) Tuesday 28 June 2022 Date and time of your plenary 08:30-10:10 session Overall Session Theme: Empowerment and transformation **Duration** 20 mins **Proposed title** A whole system approach to working together (please complete) Discussions on opportunities for joint & collaborative work Learning **Objectives** Directions to highlight the impact of mental illnesses on well-being (please complete) Exploring support from various stake holders working in the field of mental health Mental disorders are highly prevalent and cause considerable Abstract (max 500 words) suffering and disease burden all over the world. The public health impact of mental disorders is profound as the estimated disabilityadjusted life-years attributable to mental disorders have been shown to be very high. Despite the growing evidence about the impact of mental illnesses, mental health services continue showing big gaps and lack a whole system approach to working together. There are also concerns among the professionals that profession is in crisis and that it faces a number of external and internal challenges. Limitations of mental healthcare within services & marginalisation of psychiatrists in service development and organisation are posing further questions whether mental health professionals are endangered species. This presentation presents an overview about such challenges and their impact on current collaborative work. While there is no health without mental health, we need innovation, networking and basic understanding & orientations about future collaboration among various discipline sin mental health. This would support efforts aiming at promoting mental health as a preferred discipline among the medical & social care profession as well as wider respect and acknowledgement among the general public. 1. Bhugra D. Tasman, A; Pathar,S; et al. The WPA-Lancet Psychiatry Key references or Commission on the Future of Psychiatry Lancet Psychiatry 2017; 4: resources (maximum five) 775-818 2. Afzal Javed (2021) Implementation of the WPA Action Plan 2020-



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