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To ACT or not to ACT; that is the question

In this presentation, Professor Killaspy will provide an overview of the history of assertive community treatment (ACT) in the UK. She will discuss how the fluctuation in provision of ACT has been influenced by mental health policy that recurrently marginalises people with the most severe mental health problems. She will describe the current situation for this group and reflect on how ACT continues to be inappropriately profiled as a magic solution to wider, systemic under investment in the range of services required to support recovery for people with severe and complex mental health needs.