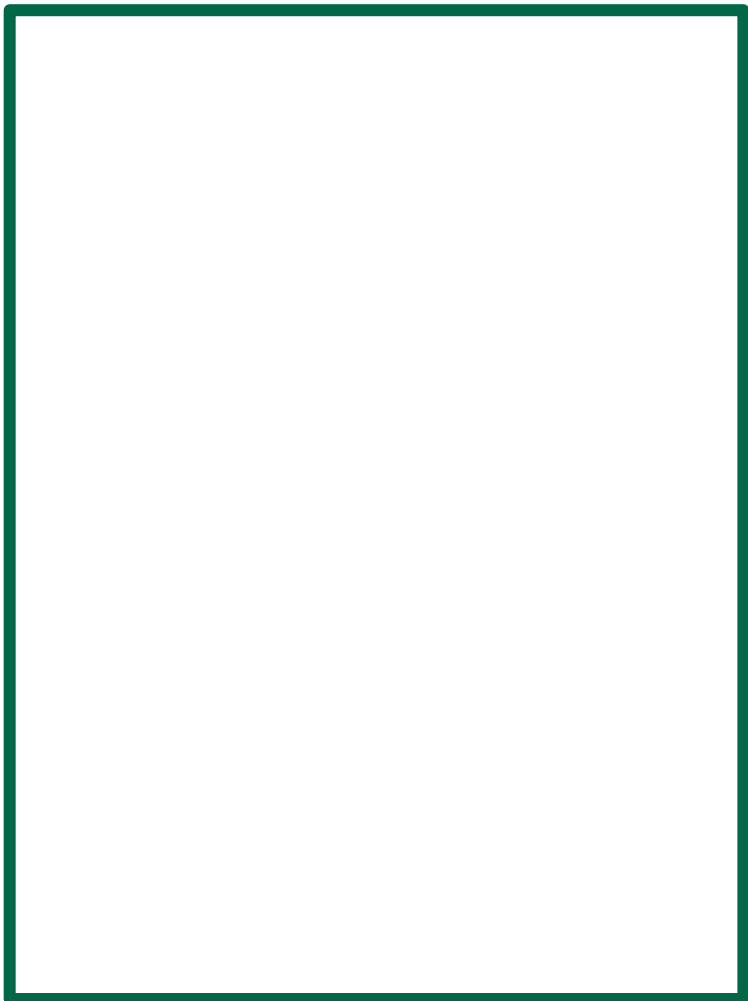




Three circular icons are arranged vertically in a dark green-bordered box. The top icon is a smiley face, the middle is an envelope, and the bottom is a speech bubble. To the right of the envelope icon is a blue horizontal line, and to the right of the speech bubble icon is another blue horizontal line.



the 1990s, the number of people with a mental health problem has increased in the UK (Mental Health Act 1983, 1990).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of people with mental health problems in the community. This has led to the development of a range of services, including community mental health teams, crisis teams, and day centres.

The aim of this paper is to describe the development of a community mental health team in a large city in the UK.

The paper is organized as follows. First, we describe the background to the development of the team. Then we describe the structure and functions of the team. Finally, we discuss the implications of the team's development for practice and policy.

Background

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The second factor was the need to provide a range of services. In the past, people with mental health problems were often treated in hospital. However, it is now recognized that people with mental health problems need a range of services, including community mental health teams, crisis teams, and day centres.

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