Introducing MQ



- We are the first major charity raising funds to invest in scientific research into mental health.
- We have been set up to tackle the major challenges in mental health, so that we can:
 - Increase understanding for those left without answers
 - Improve treatments as they can be hard to access and don't work well enough for everyone
 - Bring hope of prevention an area where there has been too little focus for too long



What we are doing: Research

We are establishing our role as the leading charity funder of mental health research

Fellows Programme: supporting the best and brightest early-career researchers, exploring new ways to understand, treat or prevent mental illness.

- Four exceptional new Fellows awarded October 2015, building on the seven individuals who've already received funding from MQ
- 2016 call to be issued later this year

PsyIMPACT: improving the quality of and access to psychological treatments

- Four projects awarded funding in 2015
- £1 million to be awarded in 2016

MQ's third funding stream: targeting research into child and adolescence mental health

Launch expected Autumn 2016







What we are doing: Data and intelligence

Driving science through data

MQ Data Science Group

- Leading a major new mental health data science initiative.
- Ensuring mental health is a priority for UK Data Science efforts

MQ Funding Landscape Analysis

- Published most comprehensive analysis of UK research to-date in April 2015
- Next round of analysis in process





What we are doing: Gathering research priorities

Depression: Asking the Right Questions

- Major national public consultation to identify research priorities for depression
- Involved more than 3,000 people affected by depression, friends & family and healthcare professionals
- Results to support research bids and funding calls, research agendas and awareness

Research priority setting on a range of conditions:

- Bipolar (November 2015)
- Psychological Treatments (with Lancet psych) (Dec 2015)





What we are doing: Building a community

Building a community to drive research and increase public support

Connecting researchers

- Annual Science Meeting
- Bipolar conference

Growing public support

- Growing community of fundraisers and supporters on social media
- Building towards national advocacy and fundraising campaign on adolescence
- Launching national ambassadors programme – for our most committed supporters

Amount public donates per Government £ on research





