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What is Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD)?

Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) is a complex mental illness that is often misunderstood.

People with this disorder are frequently discriminated against and stigmatised.

Symptoms for people with this illness include emotional distress, self-harm, difficulty relating to others and the world around them. This can be very upsetting for the person and for people close to them.

Currently between 2% and 5% of Australians, that's between 440,000 to 1,100,000 individuals, are affected by BPD at some stage in their lives. The symptoms of the disorder usually first appear in mid to late teens or in early adulthood, with women three times more likely to be diagnosed with BPD than men.

The causes of BPD are not fully understood. They are likely to involve biological, social and/or environmental factors. For some people these factors may relate to childhood experiences of trauma or neglect.

Contrary to common belief, people with BPD can recover! With early diagnosis, appropriate treatment and support the prognosis for people with BPD is positive. Most people with BPD can and will achieve symptom remission.

For a Fact Sheet go to: www.sane.org

Why an Australian BPD Foundation?

The Australian BPD Foundation Ltd was launched in 2012 by a concerned group of consumers, families/carers and clinicians.

The **Vision** of the foundation is that people with BPD are acknowledged as having a mental illness that requires access to appropriate treatment and support for themselves and their families / carers.

The **Mission** of the foundation is to promote a positive culture to support the recovery journey of people with BPD and their families/carers. The Foundation also supports clinicians, health care personnel and researches working in this field and acknowledges everyone who works towards a better recognition of BPD.

The Foundation **aims** to support and promote services which

- provide a high quality accessible, timely, responsive and appropriate services, treatment and care for people with BPD and their families/carers.
- provide high quality and accessible education and support for families/carers of people with BPD
- provide high quality appropriate education for clinicians and frontline workers providing treatment and care for people with BPD and their carers /families.
- promote a positive culture for those with BPD

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- advocate for accessible and appropriate services provided by highly appropriate services provided by highly skilled professionals offering choice within an environment of hope and optimism
- improve the well-being of people with BPD and their families/carers and clinicians and others in the community who assist them.
- Provide high quality scientific research about all aspects of BPD

Join the Foundation

Membership is open to everyone with an interest in the welfare of people affected by borderline personality disorder: consumers – families – carers – clinicians - community - corporations and community organisations.

Consumer and carer participation and representation is integral to all Foundation activities.

In joining the Foundation, you are giving strength to the voices of everyone impacted by Borderline Personality Disorder

Your support by joining the Foundation will make a difference.