

MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE BOURNEMOUTH AREA

Last year a survey revealed that:-

- Bournemouth had the highest rate of mental illness in Dorset and Somerset.
- A total of 1,315 patients were registered with Bournemouth GPs as having a severe and enduring mental illness last year.
- With 544 admissions to psychiatric hospital per 100,000 people a year, Bournemouth's rate was 'substantially higher' than other areas in the South-West region.
- The incidence of schizophrenia in Bournemouth was nearly three times the regional rate. Hospital admissions for depression and anxiety were also 'significantly higher'.
- Bournemouth's suicide rate was much higher than the regional and national average.
- Boscombe and West Howe had the highest levels of people with mental illness in the area.