General Psychiatry README

This file should be accessed using IBM SPSS Statistics. It contains data derived from the medical discharge letters of 473 subjects admitted to an in-patient General Psychiatry department at a psychiatric hospital in South East Scotland.

It includes variables pertaining to Novel Psychoactive Substance (NPS) use, fortnights/months of admission, duration of admission, use of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act, age groups, diagnostic codes assigned in accordance with the International Classification of Disease 10 (ICD-10) and other illicit substance use.

Each variable has been assigned a ‘Label’ and has been coded accordingly with numeric values under the ‘Values’ column. Age (years), employment status, living circumstances, criminal history and exact date of admission have been omitted to preserve anonymity.

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