1. Research:

The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service is engaged in a range of in-house and collaborative projects dedicated to better understanding and managing mental health problems that affect young people. The service provides a clinical venue for some research higher degree students, and supervision for others. Clinical topics being covered at present include obsessive compulsive disorder, early-onset psychosis, early-onset bipolar disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, the pharmacological treatment of autism spectrum disorder, and the management of self harm. In addition, staff are engaged in a longitudinal study of adolescent health and development, a comparative study of two commonly used symptom questionnaires, and a study of the impact opening new acute CAMHS inpatient units has on the flow of juvenile mental health patients to adult acute psychiatric inpatient units and to paediatric units.

2. Key Achievements, 2013 - 2014

The Children's Attention Project, a collaboration between Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, and the University of Sydney has gained additional NHMRC funding to extend a longitudinal study of children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, and to conduct brain imaging studies.

3. Research Staff:

Research and Evaluation Officer, Kristy-Lee Fields (2 days per week)

4. Higher Degree Students

Dr Jean Starling (PhD)
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Mr Stephen Hirneth (PhD)
Ms Sharlene Mantz (PhD)
Dr Iain Perkes (Masters of Mental Health)


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