Letter to the Editor

Early Intervention in Psychosis: a Response to
The Commentary of McGorry et al. (2010) on our
Editorial in the March 2010 edition of the Journal
We do not believe that this is so. Rather than labelling people with schizophrenia whatever their stage of illness, we should be engaging generic services in the comprehensive care is beneficial to patients whilst it is being delivered, is important. Further research is needed to determine the extent to which early intervention programmes into the mainstream of psychiatric care so that the beneficial elements of the intervention can be continued. To focus exclusively or even predominantly on early intervention seems a strategy to a complex problem, argued with passion.

We have yet much to learn about the care and treatment of people with psychotic illnesses such as schizophrenia. The main lesson to date from the early intervention field, namely that timely and comprehensive care is beneficial to patients whilst it is being delivered, is important. Further research is needed to determine the extent to which early intervention programmes into the mainstream of psychiatric care so that the beneficial elements of the intervention can be continued. To focus exclusively or even predominantly on early intervention seems a strategy to a complex problem, argued with passion.

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