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## DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF QUIRC IN GERMANY

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**Objective:** To develop a toolkit (QuIRC) for assessing the living conditions, care and human rights of people with long term mental illness in psychiatric and social care facilities.

**Methods:** The QuIRC was developed by research partners across ten countries: UK; Germany; Spain; Czech Republic; Bulgaria; Italy; Netherlands; Poland; Greece and Portugal. Its content was informed by triangulation of the evidence on critical components of care collated from: a review of care standards in each country; an international literature review; and Delphi exercises. Its final format was agreed by an international panel of rehabilitation and recovery experts. QuIRC scores were compared against service users' quality of life, autonomy, experiences of care and markers of recovery to assess whether the QuIRC could provide a proxy-assessment of the unit's promotion of service users' autonomy and Recovery.

**Results:** The finalised tool was used to interview managers from 21 units throughout Germany. One hundred and eighty-eight service users were also interviewed. QuIRC domain ratings were compared by facility type and with service user assessments. The QuIRC's ability to deliver assessments relevant to Germany's established systems of change at local, regional and national level will be discussed.