

COMMON TERMS USED IN MENTAL HEALTH:

Bipolar Illness:	Otherwise known as 'manic depression', the latter felt by many to be quite a misleading term.
Dual Diagnosis:	Someone with two or more coexisting diagnoses. Usually refers to people with a drug/alcohol problem as well as a psychiatric diagnosis.
Euthymic:	When someone with Bipolar illness is neither too high nor too low.
Forensic:	"Of the law"
Functional illness:	Refers to non-physical mental illnesses: depression, anxiety, Paraphrenia, OCD and similar.
Organic Illness:	Refers to dementia illnesses with a physical cause, such as dementias, strokes, psychosis caused by urine infection and similar.
Neurosis:	A group of mental illnesses that, while distressing, leave your basic perception of reality intact: depression, anxiety, OCD and similar
Psychosis:	A group of mental illness where your perception of reality can be profoundly altered: Schizophrenia, schizo-affective illness, drug induced psychosis and similar.
Ideas of reference:	When you take in some media and think it's a message specifically for you. Very common in psychosis.
Personality Disorder:	When your life experiences (often in early life) have profoundly affected the way you view yourself and those around you. Often felt to be a diagnosis of exclusion, because it's not considered to be a mental illness.
Trick Cyclist:	Slang for Psychiatrist.