

isolated and, we hope, happier. The results indicate an overall improvement in functioning throughout the subscales and undoubtedly represent a substantial increase in the quality of life of the residents. There is also a general feeling from all of the staff involved in the use of the MRSS that the scale is a quick and useful measure of rehabilitation status. Further, it has been found that the individual profiles which are produced as a result of assessment provide a useful indication of progress/deterioration in each of the scales which may then be used in the design of future programmes. It is intended that the MRSS be used as part of a six monthly assessment programme in the future.

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