Key components of The DBT Endeavour Programme

There are 5 key components to this standard dialectical behaviour therapy intervention

Group Skills Training Sessions (lectures)

Focus: to teach mindfulness, distress tolerance, emotion regulation and interpersonal effectiveness skills. Lectures are delivered by two clinicians, for 2.5 hours weekly.

Individual Therapy Sessions

Focus: to motivate and build commitment with the clients, to teach cognitive and behavioural skills to reduce self-harm and other self-destructive behaviours.

Phone coaching

Focus: telephone contact is used to assist service users in actively using skills, learn to manage crises more effectively and less destructively, thus reducing the need for repeated admissions or crisis attendance at outpatient clinics and emergency departments.

Consultation meeting for clinicians

Focus: meeting of clinicians involved in the programme to discuss cases, resolve difficulties in adherence with DBT protocols.

Structuring the Environments

Focus: this is where the DBT team works with the environment that is some ways maintains the person's self damaging behaviours. Examples of structuring the environment include working with the treatment system in helping it to understand the person and their behaviours, or work to support family or friends cope more effectively in managing the person's emotions and behaviours.