

## APPENDIX 17D: CLINICAL EVIDENCE PROFILES:

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### Abbreviations

CRT	cognitive remediation therapy
EPPIC	Early Psychosis Prevention and Intervention Centre, Australia
LOCF	last observation carried forward
OIS	optimal information size
RR	relative risk
SMD	standardised mean difference

## Cognitive enhancement therapy (cognitive remediation therapy [CRT] and group-based social cognition therapy) versus psychoeducation at 104 weeks post-treatment

Outcome or subgroup	Study ID	Design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Number of studies / participants	Effect estimate (SMD or RR)	Quality of evidence (GRADE) <sup>a</sup>	Forest plot
<i>Total symptoms (SMD)</i>	EACK2009	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 58	-0.72 [-1.25, -0.19]*	Low <sup>1, 2</sup>	Appendix 14d (3.2)
<i>Positive symptoms (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Negative symptoms (SMD)</i>	EACK2009	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 58	-0.96 [-1.51, -0.41]*	Low <sup>1, 2</sup>	Appendix 14d (3.3)
<i>General symptoms (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Global state (severity) (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Depression (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Mania (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Anxiety/depression (SMD)</i>	EACK2009	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 58	-0.41 [-0.93, 0.11]	Low <sup>1, 2</sup>	Appendix 14d (3.1)
<i>Psychosocial functioning (SMD)</i>	EACK2009	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 58	-0.86 [-1.41, -0.32]*	Low <sup>1, 2</sup>	Appendix 14d (3.4)
<i>Social functioning (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Quality of life (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Social cognition (SMD)</i>	EACK2009	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 58	-1.20 [-1.76, -0.64]*	Low <sup>1, 2</sup>	Appendix 14d (3.5)
<i>Education</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sensitivity analysis: employment (assuming dropouts did not gain employment; RR)</i>	EACK2009	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 58	2.83 [1.05, 7.65]*	Low <sup>1, 2</sup>	Appendix 14d (3.6)

<i>Leaving study early for any reason (RR)</i>	EACK2009	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 58	1.22 [0.44, 3.40]	Low <sup>1, 2</sup>	Appendix 14d (3.15)
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Note. <sup>a</sup>The GRADE approach was used to grade the quality of evidence for each outcome, see Section 3.5.5 in the full guideline for further detail.

\*Favours CRT.

<sup>1</sup>Serious risk of bias (including unclear allocation concealment, unblind raters).

<sup>2</sup>Optimal information size (OIS) (for dichotomous outcomes, OIS = 300 events; for continuous outcomes, OIS = 400 participants) not met.

## CRT versus psychoeducation at 26 weeks post-treatment

Outcome or subgroup	Study ID	Design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Number of studies / participants	Effect estimate (SMD or RR)	Quality of evidence (GRADE) <sup>a</sup>	Forest plot
<i>Total symptoms (SMD)</i>	UELAND 2004	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	None	-0.19 [-0.98, 0.60]	Low <sup>1, 2</sup>	Appendix 14d (1.1)
<i>Positive symptoms (SMD)</i>	UELAND 2004	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 25	-0.33 [-1.13, 0.47]	Low <sup>1, 2</sup>	Appendix 14d (1.2)
<i>Negative symptoms (SMD)</i>	UELAND 2004	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 25	-0.17 [-0.96, 0.62]	Low <sup>1, 2</sup>	Appendix 14d (1.3)
<i>General symptoms (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
<i>Global state (severity) (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
<i>Depression (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
<i>Mania (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
<i>Anxiety (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
<i>Psychosocial functioning (SMD)</i>	UELAND 2004	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 26	-0.46 [-1.24, 0.32]	Low <sup>1, 2</sup>	Appendix 14d (1.4)
<i>Social functioning (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
<i>Quality of life (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
<i>Cognition</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
<i>Education</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
<i>Employment</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
<i>Leaving study early for any reason (RR)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-

Note. <sup>a</sup>The GRADE approach was used to grade the quality of evidence for each outcome, see Section 3.5.5 in the full guideline for further detail.

<sup>1</sup>Serious risk of bias (including unclear sequence generation, unblind raters, trial registration not found, available case analysis used and dropout not reported by group).

<sup>2</sup> OIS (for dichotomous outcomes, OIS = 300 events; for continuous outcomes, OIS = 400 participants) not met.

## CRT versus psychoeducation at 52 weeks' follow-up

Outcome or subgroup	Study ID	Design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Number of studies / participants	Effect estimate (SMD or RR)	Quality of evidence (GRADE) <sup>a</sup>	Forest plot
Total symptoms (SMD)	UELAND 2004	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 24	-0.40 [-1.22, 0.42]	Low <sup>1,2</sup>	Appendix 14d (2.1)
Positive symptoms (SMD)	UELAND 2004	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 24	-0.35 [-1.17, 0.47]	Low <sup>1,2</sup>	Appendix 14d (2.2)
Negative symptoms (SMD)	UELAND 2004	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 24	-0.66 [-1.50, 0.17]	Low <sup>1,2</sup>	Appendix 14d (2.3)
General symptoms (SMD)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Global state (severity) (SMD)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depression (SMD)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mania (SMD)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anxiety (SMD)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Psychosocial functioning (SMD)	UELAND 2004	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 25	-0.15 [-0.94, 0.64]	Low <sup>1,2</sup>	Appendix 14d (2.4)
Social functioning (SMD)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quality of life (SMD)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cognition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Employment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leaving study early for any reason (RR)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note. <sup>a</sup>The GRADE approach was used to grade the quality of evidence for each outcome, see Section 3.5.5 in the full guideline for further detail.

<sup>1</sup>Serious risk of bias (including unclear sequence generation, unblind raters, trial registration not found, available case analysis used and dropout not reported by group).

<sup>2</sup> OIS (for dichotomous outcomes, OIS = 300 events; for continuous outcomes, OIS = 400 participants) not met.

## CRT versus treatment as usual at 14 weeks post-treatment

Outcome or subgroup	Study ID	Design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Number of studies / participants	Effect estimate (SMD or RR)	Quality of evidence (GRADE) <sup>a</sup>	Forest plot
<i>Total symptoms (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Positive symptoms (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Negative symptoms (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>General symptoms (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Global state (severity) (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Depression (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Mania (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Anxiety (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Psychosocial functioning</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Social functioning (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Quality of life (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cognition</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Education</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Employment (RR)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Leaving study early for any reason (RR)</i>	WYKES 2007	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 40	1.03 [0.75, 1.40]	Low <sup>1,2</sup>	Appendix 14d (4.1)

Note. <sup>a</sup>The GRADE approach was used to grade the quality of evidence for each outcome, see Section 3.5.5 in the full guideline for further detail.

<sup>1</sup>Serious risk of bias (including unclear sequence generation, unable to find trial registration, LOCF reported but high dropout).

<sup>2</sup> OIS (for dichotomous outcomes, OIS = 300 events; for continuous outcomes, OIS = 400 participants) not met.

## CRT versus treatment as usual at 26 weeks' follow-up

Outcome or subgroup	Study ID	Design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Number of studies / participants	Effect estimate (SMD or RR)	Quality of evidence (GRADE) <sup>a</sup>	Forest plot
<i>Total symptoms (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Positive symptoms (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Negative symptoms (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>General symptoms (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Global state (severity) (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Depression (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Mania (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Anxiety (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Psychosocial functioning</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Social functioning (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Quality of life (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cognition</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Education</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Employment (RR)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Leaving study early for any reason (RR)</i>	WYKES 2007	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 40	0.97 [0.69, 1.35]	Low <sup>1, 2</sup>	Appendix 14d (5.1)

Note. <sup>a</sup>The GRADE approach was used to grade the quality of evidence for each outcome, see Section 3.5.5 in the full guideline for further detail.

<sup>1</sup>Serious risk of bias (including unclear sequence generation, unable to find trial registration, LOCF reported but high dropout)

<sup>2</sup>OIS (for dichotomous outcomes, OIS = 300 events; for continuous outcomes, OIS = 400 participants) not met.

## CRT versus computer games at 8 weeks post-treatment

Outcome or subgroup	Study ID	Design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Number of studies / participants	Effect estimate (SMD or RR)	Quality of evidence (GRADE) <sup>a</sup>	Forest plot
<i>Total symptoms (SMD)</i>	URBEN 2012	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	Serious <sup>3</sup>	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 28	0.26 [-0.49, 1.00]	Very low <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>	Appendix 14d (6.1)
<i>Positive symptoms (SMD)</i>	URBEN 2012	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	Serious <sup>3</sup>	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 28	0.35 [-0.39, 1.10]	Very low <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>	Appendix 14d (6.2)
<i>Negative symptoms (SMD)</i>	URBEN 2012	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	Serious <sup>3</sup>	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 28	0.29 [-0.46, 1.04]	Very low <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>	Appendix 14d (6.3)
<i>General symptoms (SMD)</i>	URBEN 2012	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	Serious <sup>3</sup>	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 28	0.23 [-0.52, 0.97]	Very low <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>	Appendix 14d (6.4)
<i>Global state (severity) (SMD)</i>	URBEN 2012	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	Serious <sup>3</sup>	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 28	0.21 [-0.53, 0.96]	Very low <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>	Appendix 14d (6.5)
<i>Depression (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Mania (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Anxiety (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Psychosocial functioning</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Social functioning (SMD)</i>	URBEN 2012	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	Serious <sup>3</sup>	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 28	0.31 [-0.44, 1.06]	Very low <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>	Appendix 14d (6.6)
<i>Quality of life (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cognition</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Education</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Employment (RR)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note. <sup>a</sup>The GRADE approach was used to grade the quality of evidence for each outcome, see Section 3.5.5 in the full guideline for further detail.

<sup>1</sup>Serious risk of bias (including unclear sequence generation and allocation concealment unblind raters, trial registration not found, available case analysis used).

<sup>2</sup>OIS (for dichotomous outcomes, OIS = 300 events; for continuous outcomes, OIS = 400 participants) not met.

<sup>3</sup>Serious risk of indirectness (as sample contains participants at serious risk of psychosis).

## CRT versus computer games at 26 weeks' follow-up

Outcome or subgroup	Study ID	Design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Number of studies / participants	Effect estimate (SMD or RR)	Quality of evidence (GRADE) <sup>a</sup>	Forest plot
<i>Global state (severity) (SMD)</i>	URBEN 2012	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	Serious <sup>3</sup>	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 22	0.60 [-0.27, 1.46]	Very low <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>	Appendix 14d (7.1)
<i>Leaving study early for any reason (RR)</i>	URBEN 2012	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	Serious <sup>3</sup>	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 32	1.17 [0.41, 3.35]	Very low <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>	Appendix 14d (7.2)

Note. <sup>a</sup>The GRADE approach was used to grade the quality of evidence for each outcome, see Section 3.5.5 in the full guideline for further detail.  
<sup>1</sup>Serious risk of bias (including unclear sequence generation and allocation concealment unblind raters, trial registration not found, available case analysis used).  
<sup>2</sup>OIS (for dichotomous outcomes, OIS = 300 events; for continuous outcomes, OIS = 400 participants) not met.  
<sup>3</sup>Serious risk of indirectness (as sample contains participants at serious risk of psychosis).

## Individual placement and support versus EPPIC treatment as usual at 26 weeks post-treatment

Outcome or subgroup	Study ID	Design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Number of studies / participants	Effect estimate (SMD or RR)	Quality of evidence (GRADE) <sup>a</sup>	Forest plot
<i>Total symptoms (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Positive symptoms (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Negative symptoms (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>General symptoms (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Global state (severity) (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Depression (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Mania (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Anxiety (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Psychosocial functioning</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Social functioning (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Quality of life (SMD)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



<i>Cognition</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sensitivity analysis: Employed/ enrolled on a course (assuming dropouts did not gain employment; RR)</i>	KILLACKEY 2008	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 41	6.83 [1.76, 26.51]*	Low <sup>1,2</sup>	Appendix 14d (8.1)
<i>Number of weeks worked (SMD)</i>	KILLACKEY 2008	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 15	-0.49 [-1.99, 1.02]	Low <sup>1,2</sup>	Appendix 14d (8.2)
<i>Number of hours worked per week (SMD)</i>	KILLACKEY 2008	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 15	-0.71 [-2.22, 0.81]	Low <sup>1,2</sup>	Appendix 14d (8.3)
<i>Leaving study early for any reason (RR)</i>	KILLACKEY 2008	RCT	Serious <sup>1</sup>	No serious inconsistency	No serious indirectness	Serious <sup>2</sup>	None	K = 1, N = 41	0.21 [0.03, 1.64]*	Low <sup>1,2</sup>	Appendix 14d (8.4)

Note. <sup>a</sup>The GRADE approach was used to grade the quality of evidence for each outcome, see Section 3.5.5 in the full guideline for further detail.

\*Favours individual placement and support.

<sup>1</sup>Serious risk of bias (including inadequate allocation concealment, unclear rater blinding, more people in the treatment as usual group were in marital or marital-like relationships tending to bias the study against finding success for the vocational intervention because people in marital relationships tend to function better socially and in employment).

<sup>2</sup>OIS (for dichotomous outcomes, OIS = 300 events; for continuous outcomes, OIS = 400 participants) not met.