

Title: The impact of psychological factors on recovery from injury: multicentre cohort study

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Abstract

Purpose

Unintentional injuries have a significant long-term health impact in working age adults. Depression, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder are common post-injury, but their impact on self-reported recovery has not been investigated in general injury populations. This study investigated the role of psychological predictors one month post-injury in subsequent self-reported recovery from injury in working aged adults.

Methods

Multicentre cohort study of 668 unintentionally injured adults admitted to 5 UK hospitals followed-up at 1, 2, 4 and 12 months post-injury. Logistic regression explored relationships between psychological morbidity one month post-injury and self-reported recovery 12 months post-injury, adjusting for health, demographic, injury, and socio-legal factors. Multiple imputation was used to impute missing values.

Results

A total of 668 adults participated at baseline, 77% followed up at one month and 63% at 12 months, of whom 383 (57%) included in the main analysis. Multiple imputation analysis included all 668 participants. Increasing levels of depression scores and increasing levels of pain at one month and an increasing number of nights in hospital were associated with significantly reduced odds of recovery at 12 months, adjusting for age, sex, centre, employment and deprivation. Findings were similar in the multiple imputation analysis, except pain was of borderline statistical significance.

Conclusions

Depression one month post-injury is an important predictor of recovery, but other factors, especially pain and nights spent in hospital also predict recovery. Identifying and managing depression and providing adequate pain control are essential in clinical care post-injury.

Keywords: unintentional injury, recovery, depression, psychological, longitudinal

Introduction

Unintentional injuries can have a significant impact on health services and individuals' physical and psychological health. They are estimated to account for 9% of disability-adjusted life years globally [1] and nearly 700,000 hospital admissions in England yearly [2]. A significant proportion of people are not fully recovered 12 months after injury [3] including those with less severe injuries [4]. Many factors have been associated with poorer recovery including, pre-injury health status, age, gender, admission status, injury severity, body region, place of injury, pain, psychological morbidity, working status post-injury, and insurance status [3, 5-9]. The individual variation in the aftermath of unintentional injuries is poorly understood partly because of the diversity of the influencing factors and the lack of an overarching model that brings these variables together.

Health models like the stress and coping model of Lazarus and Folkman (1984)[10] argue that the variety of responses to stressors depends on the appraisal of the stressor, i.e. the unintentional injury. According to this model, individuals actively try to appraise the potential threat of the injury to health and well-being, as well as the resources available to deal with the stressor. Where there are resources available to support the individual then the injury would be perceived as less threatening over time. The contrary could also be true; psychological, work or financial problems or lack of support post injury could prolong the threat of the injury and the individual's appraisal of its severity. This continuous reappraisal of the threat could account for variability in outcomes post unintentional injury, including poor outcomes in those with relatively minor injuries. Whilst injury, demographic and pre-injury health status are not modifiable, there are effective interventions for psychological factors [11]. This is particularly important given how common psychological morbidities (especially depression, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)) are following unintentional injuries. However, like other outcomes [3, 5-9], the prevalence of psychiatric morbidity following unintentional injury varies considerably between studies. A review of psychiatric morbidity following motor vehicle injury found that the rates of depression across studies ranged between 21%-67%, anxiety 4%-87% and PTSD 0-100% [12]. Another review with traumatic injury survivors found the prevalence of depression ranged between 6-42%, anxiety between 4-24% and PTSD in most studies ranged between 10%-30%, [13] and a final review of general and specific injury populations found the prevalence of PTSD ranged between 2-38% at 12 months [14].

Research shows that psychological morbidity predicts injury outcomes such as return to work, physical function and pain [3, 15]. For example, depression and PTSD (intrusion symptoms) shortly post-injury and at 6 months predicted poorer quality of well-being (mobility/physical activity/social activity as measured by the Quality of Well-being Scale) at 12 and 18 months post-injury [16]. Post injury PTSD and emotional distress predicted higher pain and disability (measured by the Neck Disability Index score) 6 months post-injury among those experiencing whiplash injuries [17]. Post injury depression predicted poorer functional outcome (limitations to work/housework/social life) at 12 months post moderate injury [8].

Functional outcomes do not fully capture the process of recovery. There is no widely accepted definition of recovery from injury, but the following definition of recovery from mental illness could apply equally well to injuries: "a deeply personal, unique process of changing one's attitudes, values, feelings, goals, skills and/or roles. It is a way of living a satisfying, hopeful, and contributing life even within the limitations caused by illness" [18]. The same author also argues that "recovery is a multidimensional concept: there is no single measure of recovery, but many different measures that estimate various aspects of it" [18]. Outcomes such as return to work, physical function, pain or activity correlate poorly with self-rated recovery because they overlook the individual's social context, own understanding, appraisal and definition of recovery [19]. This is likely to be based on physical and emotional symptoms and adjustments or adaptations and reappraisals required to live with the consequences of the injury [20] and might partly explain prolonged recovery periods [21] and high levels of health service use [22] associated with some relatively minor injuries. As functional and health status measures may not fully capture the complex nature of recovery, additional outcome measures, such as participants perception of recovery are needed. To our knowledge no published prospective studies have investigated the role of psychological factors in predicting self-reported recovery in adults experiencing a wide range of unintentional injuries.

The analyses presented in this paper address this research gap and also addresses some of the limitations of prospective injury outcome studies highlighted in recent systematic reviews [23-25]. These include use of specific injury populations as opposed to a wide range of injuries of varying severity [25, 26], small sample

sizes, low response or follow-up rates or failure to adequately adjust for possible confounders [23]. The present study aims to investigate the impact of early psychological morbidity on self-reported recovery whilst controlling for a range of social, injury, physical and demographic factors.

Methods

The methods of the Impact of Injuries Study have been described in detail in the published protocol [28]. The study had multi-centre approval from the Nottingham Research Ethics Committee 1 (number: 09/H0407/29).

Study design

Prospective longitudinal study set in five NHS hospitals in Nottingham, Bristol, Leicester and Surrey, UK.

Participants

Participants, aged 16-70 years, were recruited following hospital admission for a range of unintentional injuries between June 2010 and June 2012. Inclusion criteria included (a) ability to give informed consent, (b) recruitment within 3 weeks of injury, and (c) presence of an address to enable follow-up. Those with significant head injury (loss of consciousness, amnesia or a Glasgow coma scale of < 15 at presentation) were excluded due to difficulty distinguishing between sequelae of mild head injury and psychological morbidity [27]. Participants were recruited face to face, by post or by phone. The study used quota sampling between June 2010 and May 2011. This was based on age (16-24, 25-59, 60-70), sex and injury type (12 categories) to ensure inclusion of a wide range of injuries and to allow comparison with other studies using general injury populations. This is described in further detail in the published protocol [28]. However, due to slow recruitment all eligible patients could participate from June 2011. Clinical staff (e.g. research nurses) identified patients being potentially eligible and asked patients if they agreed to be approached about the study. Members of the research team then assessed eligibility of those agreeing to be approached.

Data collection

Participants completed self-administered questionnaires at recruitment (baseline) and at 1, 2, 4 and 12 months post-injury. Baseline questionnaires measured socio-demographic details (age, marital status, ethnicity, number of cars in household, living alone, employment status, area-level deprivation (the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2010) [29]; pre-injury quality of life (EQ5D) [30], long term health conditions, anxiety and depression (Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (HADS)) [31], alcohol problems (Alcohol Use Disorder Identification Test (AUDIT)) [32], substance use (Drug Abuse Screening Test (DAST)) [33], social functioning (Social Functioning Questionnaire (SFQ)) [34] and injury details. The Abbreviated Injury Scale (AIS) [35] was used to score injury severity using medical record data. Participants' maximum injury severity across all injuries was grouped into three categories: minor (AIS=1), moderate (AIS=2) and serious to maximum (AIS=3-6). Follow-up questionnaires also included self-reported recovery [36], the HADS, Impact of Events Scale (IES) to measure PTSD [37], stressful life events related to the injury (List of Threatening Events (LTE)) [38], time off work since injury, social support (Crisis Support Scale (CSS)) [39], positive and negative changes in outlook (Change in Outlook Questionnaire, (CiOQ)) [40] and legal proceedings or compensation claims due to injury. A researcher administered a structured clinical interview (SCID) [41] which measured psychiatric diagnosis at baseline for all participants and at follow-up for those scoring borderline or above on the HADS depression (>7), HADS anxiety (>7), IES (>18 for each subscale or >29 for combined scores), AUDIT (>7) and/or DAST scales (>2).

Statistical Analysis

Comparisons of baseline and one month characteristics were made between participants returning both one and 12 month questionnaires and those who didn't using chi-square tests for categorical variables and Mann-Whitney U-tests for non-normally distributed continuous variables. We used self-reported recovery at 12 months as our outcome variable, as full recovery was rarely reported at earlier time points (see results); we combined categories in the questionnaire into a binary variable for full recovery (yes/no). We compared health status (EQ5D utility index and the Health Utilities Index) between those who reported that they had fully recovered at 12 months and those who had not using Mann-Whitney U tests.

Clinical intervention for psychological morbidity within the first few weeks post injury is not always indicated, so analyses used psychological morbidity variables (HADS depression, HADS anxiety, AUDIT, DAST and

IES) reported at one month as predictors of recovery. The changes from baseline to one and 12 months in the proportions meeting the criteria for psychological morbidity casesness and SCID-DSM-IV criteria for mental disorder were compared using McNemar's tests.

Odds ratios and 95% confidence intervals for full recovery at 12 months were estimated using logistic regression. Linearity of relationships between continuous variables and recovery was assessed by adding higher order terms to models with categorisation (see table 1) where necessary. Correlations between psychological predictors and other related predictors considered for model inclusion were assessed, and predictors with a correlation with a psychological variable above 0.5 were not considered for inclusion in the model. The model was built in steps, initially only including a priori defined confounders (study centre, age and sex) (model A). Psychological predictors measured at one month (HADS (depression and anxiety subscales), IES (avoidance and intrusion subscales), AUDIT and DAST) were added separately in order of significance in univariate analyses. Only psychological predictors with a likelihood ratio test (LRT) P-value of <0.05 were retained in the model (model B). Potential predictors of recovery measured at baseline (number of prior psychiatric morbidities, HADS (depression and anxiety subscales), AUDIT, DAST, prior long standing illness, work status, ethnic group, marital status, deprivation, length of hospital stay, injury severity, number of injuries, body part injured, injury mechanism and place of injury) were added in one block, and removed in order of least statistical significance first based on the LRT ($P \geq 0.05$). Those with a P-value of ≥ 0.05 whose removal changed odds ratios for any of the significant one month psychological predictors by more than 10% were retained in the model (model C). Finally, other potential predictors measured at one month post-injury (pain, social support, life events, compensation and litigation) were added in one block, and tested for removal as above (model D). We tested for interactions between psychological predictors and other variables included in model D by adding interaction terms ($P < 0.01$) to the model. Collinearity between variables in the final model was assessed by examining the covariance correlation matrix and estimating variance inflation factors.

Given the loss at follow-up, as a sensitivity analysis we used multiple imputation with chained equations to impute missing values for all 668 participants included at baseline. The imputation model included study centre, age, sex, recovery status, and all variables considered in blocks B, C, and D above, including those reported at baseline and at 1, 2, 4 and 12 months post injury. Fifty imputed datasets were generated. Results were combined across the imputed datasets using Rubin's rules [42]. We also undertook a sensitivity analysis restricting analyses to those with HADS depression subscale scores in the normal range (below 8) at 12 months post injury to explore whether depression at that time point influenced reporting of recovery.

Results

Recruitment, follow-up and recovery

Figure 1 shows that 2894 patients were identified as potentially eligible for the study; 2535 were approached to take part in the study, of whom 308 were found to be ineligible. Thirty percent (668/2227) of those approached participated in the study. Forty seven percent of those approached by the research nurse did not wish to discuss the study with a researcher, and 22% of those that did discuss the study with a researcher did not wish to participate. The most common reasons for ineligibility were length of time since injury and discharged from hospital prior to discussing the study with the researcher.

Of those recruited, 77% were followed up at one month and 63% at 12 months. . Full recovery was rarely reported before 12 months (1 month: 1% (4/512), 2 months: 1% (7/478), 4 months: 7% (30/451)). Thirty one percent (119/383) returning both 1 and 12 month questionnaires reported full recovery at 12 months. Only participants returning both 1 and 12 months questionnaires were included in the main analysis and their characteristics are as follows: 55% were aged 45-64 years, 19% aged 25-44 years, and the remaining were under 24 (10%) and over 65 years (16%); 51% were female; 24% had a long standing illness; 58% were in paid employment, 25% were retired, 7% were not in paid employment and 8% had other employment status (e.g. student); 97% were white; 63% were married, 21% were single and 16% were divorced or widowed; 4% suffered a minor injury, 71% a moderately severe injury and 24% at least a serious injury; 48% had a single injury; 64% injured lower limbs, 17% upper limbs, 11% both upper and lower limbs and 8% injured other body regions; falls caused 68% of injuries, traffic injuries 19% to traffic, being struck 6% and other mechanism 7%; the most common locations of injures were on the road (29%), at home (24%), in the countryside (13%) and at sports facilities (11%). Those reporting full recovery at 12 months had significantly higher EQ5D and Health Utilities Index (HUI) scores than those not fully recovered (median (IQR) EQ5D: recovered = 1(0.80, 1), not recovered = 0.73 (0.66, 0.80), $p < 0.001$; median (IQR) HUI: recovered = 0.94 (0.85, 0.97), not recovered = 0.78 (0.57, 0.92), $p < 0.001$). However, self-reported recovery was not always consistent with functional recovery. One third (32%; 38/119) of those reporting full recovery had EQ5D scores which were less than 90% of their

baseline scores, as did 3% (4/119) for HUI scores. Five percent (13/264) of those not fully recovered had 12 month EQ5D scores more than 10% higher than baseline scores, as did 51% (135/264) for HUI scores.

[insert Figure 1 about here]

Caseness and SCID-DSM-IV criteria over time

Online Table 1 shows the proportions of patients meeting criteria for caseness as defined by cut-offs on the HADS, IES, AUDIT and DAST scales at baseline, one and 12 months. There were significant increases one month post-injury compared to baseline in the prevalence of depression (15.2% vs 1.4%, $p<.001$), anxiety (16.0% vs 4.1%, $p=.001$) and significant decrease in alcohol problems (12.2% vs 19.6%, $p<.001$). Significant increases 12 months post-injury compared to baseline remained for depression (5.7% vs 1.4%, $p<.001$) and anxiety (9.7% vs 4.1%, $p<.001$) and significant decrease in alcohol problems (19.6% vs 13.3%, $p<.001$). Online Table 2 shows the proportions of participants meeting SCID-DSM-IV criteria for mental disorder at baseline amongst those who scored above case level on the HADS, IES, AUDIT and DAST at one and 12 months. At both 1 and 12 months post-injury compared to baseline, a significantly higher proportion met the criteria for current major depression (baseline: 1.6%; 1 month: 18.1%; 12 months 17.7% with both $p<.001$), and PTSD (baseline 1.6%; 1 month 15.0%; 12 months 11.9%, with p values respectively $p<.001$ and $p=.012$). There were also non-significant increases in panic disorder, agoraphobia, specific phobia (usually travel phobia), generalised anxiety disorder, and substance abuse and reduction in alcohol abuse and alcohol dependence compared to baseline.

Univariate analyses

Table 1 shows baseline participant characteristics by recovery status at 12 months and results of univariate analyses. A higher depression score at baseline and spending more nights in hospital were associated with significantly reduced odds of recovery. In addition, moderate or serious (or worse) injury compared to minor injury and being unemployed compared to being employed were associated with significantly reduced odds of recovery.

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Table 2 shows participant characteristics measured one month post-injury by recovery status at 12 months and results of univariate analyses. A higher depression score, a higher anxiety score, a higher IES score (avoidance subscales), a higher social functioning scale score (indicating poorer social functioning), a higher negative changes in outlook score and a higher pain score were significantly associated with reduced odds of recovery at 12 months. Seeking compensation and involvement in litigation were both significantly associated with reduced odds of recovery.

[insert Table 2 here]

Multivariable analyses

Table 3 shows relationships between psychological morbidity at one month and recovery at 12 months, adjusted for a priori defined confounders (study centre, age and sex), socio-demographic, psychological and injury characteristics measured at baseline and potential predictors of recovery measured at one month. The final model (model D) shows higher depression scores at one month were associated with a lower odds of recovery, as were spending more nights in hospital and greater levels of pain. Deprivation and employment status were not significantly associated with recovery but are likely to confound the relationship between depression and recovery, as removing them from the model resulted in the odds ratios for depression scores changing by at least 10%. There were no significant interactions between depression score and other predictors in the model.

[insert Table 3 here]

Online Table 3 shows participant characteristics comparing those who did and didn't return both 1 and 12 month questionnaires. Those returning both questionnaires were more likely to come from study centres other than

Nottingham, be older, female, retired, married/in a civil partnership, of a white ethnic group, live in a less deprived area and have at least a moderately severe injury. They reported fewer alcohol or drug problems at baseline, fewer drug related problems and lower pain scores at one month.

Online Table 4 shows results of multivariable analysis using multiply imputed data. Findings are similar to those from the complete case analysis. The reduction in the odds of recovery associated with depression was less marked than in the complete case analysis but it remained significant for those with the highest quartile of scores compared to those with the lowest quartile of scores. An increasing number of nights in hospital remained significantly associated with a reduced odds of recovery, with associations being slightly less marked than in the complete case analysis. The relationship between pain and self-reported recovery was smaller in the multiple imputation analysis and of borderline statistical significance.

Online table 5 shows results of the sensitivity analysis restricting the multivariable analysis to those with HADS depression subscale scores in the “normal” range at 12 months. Findings were very similar to the complete case analysis.

Discussion

Main findings

The outcome for most study participants was poor, with only one third reporting a full recovery 12 months after the injury. Depression (15%) and anxiety (16%) (as assessed by the HADS) were common one month post injury and although less prevalent at 12 months post-injury, 6% still reported depression and 10% reported anxiety. The number of participants meeting the case definition for psychiatric disorders increased following the injury at one month and remained higher than pre-injury at 12 months. Those fully recovered had significantly higher health status scores than those not fully recovered, but health status measures were not always consistent with self-reported recovery, highlighting the importance of using self-reported recovery as an outcome measure.. Higher depression scores at one month were associated with a lower odds of self-reported recovery at 12 months, as were spending more nights in hospital and greater levels of pain

Strength and limitations

Unlike many other studies, we used subjectively defined self-reported recovery as the outcome of interest; so adding to the body of knowledge about psychological morbidity and functional or health status measures of recovery. Our study also addressed some of the limitations of previous studies by investigating a general injury population with different types of injuries of varying severity, using a range of psychological predictors of recovery, adjusting for a wide range of potential confounders (injury characteristics, socio-demographic, physical, occupational and socio-legal factors), having a larger sample size than some studies, achieving an acceptable follow-up rate and taking account of losses to follow-up and missing data using multiple imputation.

Thirty percent (668) of eligible patients approached to take part in the study (2227) participated. It is possible that selection bias occurred if participation was related to recovery. During recruitment and follow-up data collection, the study aims were described as identifying the impact of injury in general, without emphasis on psychological factors or pain, to try and minimise over reporting of those variables and over-estimation of their effect on recovery. Our follow-up rate of 63% at 12 months was lower than some studies [21] and higher than others [43] and may be related to the number of follow-up questionnaires used. There were significant differences in characteristics between those returning both 1 and 12 month questionnaires and those who didn't. Our multiple imputation analysis suggested our findings with respect to depression and nights in hospital were robust to missing data, although the associations were less marked than in the complete case analysis.

Although we recruited participants with a wide range of injuries, the numbers with some types of injuries were small and analysis was restricted to broad injury groupings. While we measured a wide range of confounding factors, some residual confounding may still be present. Black and ethnic minority groups were under-represented which may limit generalisability of our findings for these groups. In addition, younger adults, particularly males were under-represented in our study at follow-up. Since alcohol and non-alcohol substance use disorders are more common in young men, the influence of these problems on recovery may be underestimated. As some mental disorder is present in people scoring below cut-offs for caseness and SCIDs were only undertaken on those reaching case level, SCID mental disorders at follow-up are likely to be underestimated. New mental disorder requiring a duration of greater than one month for diagnosis e.g. substance abuse and dependence or, generalised anxiety disorder would not have been captured by SCIDs completed one month post-injury. However, none of these issues with the measurement of mental disorder using psychiatric interview detract from the results of our analysis exploring the effects of self-reported symptoms of depression,

anxiety, PTSD or substance use on self-reported recovery. The SCID interview data confirm that clinically important depression, anxiety, PTSD prior to injury were as common in study participants as the general population, alcohol use disorders somewhat higher, and that all were more prevalent 12 months post-injury. Despite the issues outlined, our study was able to account for a number of important factors that previous literature has shown to be important in predicting recovery, and identify psychological factors that remain important after other factors have been accounted for.

Comparisons with previous research

To our knowledge there are no published studies exploring the relationship between psychological morbidity and self-reported recovery in a general injury population with which to compare our findings. Two previous studies used self-reported recovery measures, but neither explored psychological factors associated with recovery and both found higher recovery rates than in our study, probably due to inclusion of more minor injuries than in our study [3, 44]. Our study highlights the importance of depression and pain, two modifiable factors, in predicting self-reported recovery, adding to our knowledge that these factors are important in predicting functional recovery. The relationship between pain and depression is complex with both being shown to have a strong effect on each other over time [45]. Previous studies show depression, or a combination of PTSD and depression predicted poorer quality of well-being [16] and depression predicted poorer functional outcomes [8, 43, 46]; depression, anxiety or travel anxiety predicted physical recovery [4], psychological distress and PTSD predicted disability [17, 47]. Consistent with our findings, previous studies also show pain [8, 9, 17, 49], and length of stay in hospital [9] have been associated with functional recovery. The rates of psychiatric disorder in the two years prior to study participation are comparable to the population in the catchment areas of our study sites [49]. Therefore, the effect of depression on recovery is largely unrelated to pre-injury mental health problems. Unlike previous research, our study did not show PTSD to predict recovery. Given the high rates of PTSD symptoms (measured using the IES) at 1 and 12 months and PTSD (measured using the SCID) by 12 months, it is likely that PTSD psychopathology contributed to the effect of depression on recovery since these conditions commonly co-exist and depression symptoms are a common feature of PTSD.

Implications for Practice

Depression and pain at one month post-injury are both common and important modifiable predictors of recovery at 12 months post injury amongst a general injury population. It is important for injured patients to understand the relationship between depression, pain and recovery and to seek advice and support for these problems. Primary and secondary healthcare services need to identify, clinically assess and manage persisting depression at one month, and measure and adequately control persisting pain, as part of post-injury care and rehabilitation. The relationship between pain and depression is complex, and each may have multiple contributory factors, but both need addressing in post injury care. Health professionals routinely treating people with unintentional injuries are not mental health experts. It would be useful if they can identify patients at risk of poor recovery using standard self-report measures of psychological health and pain, help patients manage these conditions and refer to appropriate services as necessary [50, 51]. In addition, our study shows a simple and routinely available measure such as the number of nights in hospital, can highlight those at risk of poor recovery.

Implications for research

Our study focussed on the impact of early psychological morbidity on recovery from injury, but given the prevalence of depression, anxiety and symptoms of post traumatic distress 12 months post-injury, future studies should explore the impact of persistent psychological morbidity on recovery. Future studies exploring the short and longer term impact of injuries should include measures of psychological morbidity and pain. Studies exploring psychological morbidity and outcomes (such as self-reported recovery, return to work, and quality of life) need to consider adjustment for pain and psychological factors. Future recruitment strategies should focus on increasing participation of 16-24 year olds and ethnic minorities.

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Figure 1 – Process of study recruitment and follow up

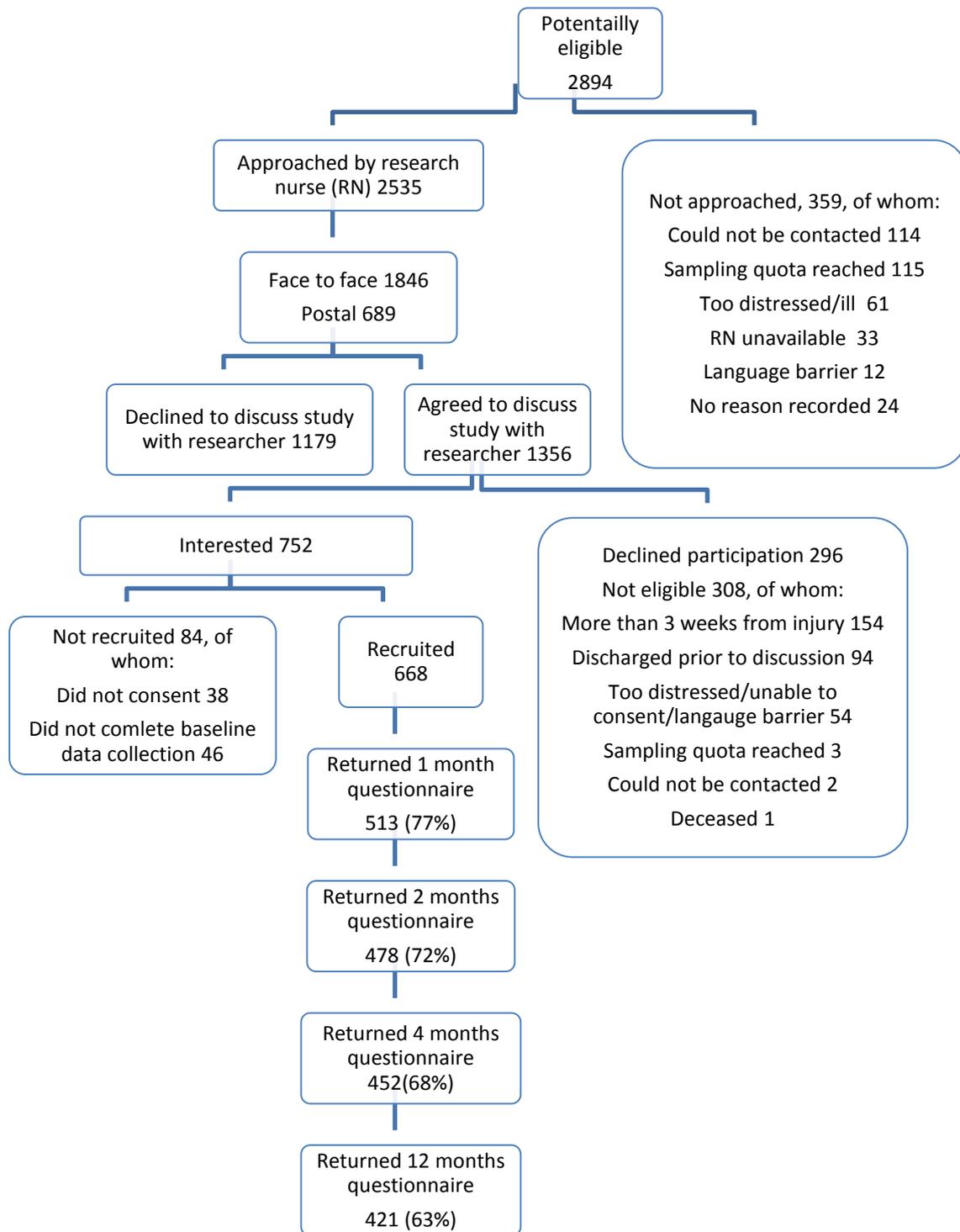


Table 1. Characteristics of study participants measured at baseline by recovery status at 12 months and unadjusted odds ratios (row percentage)

Characteristics	Not fully recovered N=264 (68.9%)	Fully recovered N=119 (31.1%)	Unadjusted OR (95%CI)
Centre			
Nottingham	93 (69.9)	40 (30.1)	1.00
Loughborough	67 (67.0)	33 (33.0)	1.15 (0.66, 2.00)
Bristol	87 (73.1)	12 (26.9)	0.86 (0.49, 1.48)
Surrey	17 (54.8)	14 (45.2)	1.91 (0.86, 4.26)
Age			
16-24	24 (63.2)	14 (36.8)	1.00
25-44	48 (67.6)	23 (33.4)	0.82 (0.36, 1.88)
45-64	156 (73.9)	55 (26.1)	0.60 (0.29, 1.25)
65+	36 (57.1)	27 (42.9)	1.29 (0.56, 2.94)
Sex			
Female	140 (68.0)	55 (32.0)	1.00
Male	124 (70.1)	53 (29.9)	0.91 (0.59, 1.40)
Number of psychiatric diagnoses in past			
0	221 (67.4)	107 (32.6)	1.00
1	27 (75.0)	9 (25.0)	0.69 (0.31, 1.52)
2+	16 (84.2)	3 (15.8)	0.39 (0.11, 1.36)
Depression score	[2]		
Mean (SD)	1.60 (2.47)	0.98 (1.66)	0.87† (0.77, 0.97)
Median (IQR)	1 (0,2)	0 (0,1)	
Anxiety score	[2]		
Mean (SD)	2.97 (3.35)	2.59 (3.06)	0.96† (0.90, 1.03)
Median (IQR)	2 (0,5)	1 (0,4)	
AUDIT	[10]	[2]	
Mean (SD)	4.31 (4.06)	4.62 (4.10)	1.02† (0.97, 1.07)
Median (IQR)	3 (1,6)	4 (2,6)	
DAST	[3]		
Mean (SD)	0.08 (0.43)	0.04 (0.24)	0.72† (0.35, 1.48)
Median (IQR)	0 (0,0)	0 (0,0)	
Long standing illness		[2]	
No	197 (68.2)	92 (31.8)	1.00
Yes	67 (72.8)	25 (27.2)	0.80 (0.47, 1.35)
Employment	[2]	[2]	
Paid employment	153 (69.2)	68 (30.8)	1.00
Not in paid employment	29 (87.9)	4 (12.1)	0.31 (0.11, 0.92)
Retired	55 (58.5)	39 (41.5)	1.60 (0.97, 2.63)
Other	25 (80.7)	6 (19.4)	0.54 (0.21, 1.38)
Ethnic group	[2]		
White	253 (63.4)	117 (31.6)	1.00
BME	9 (81.8)	2 (18.2)	0.48 (0.10, 2.26)
Deprivation score (IMD)	[3]	[6]	
Mean (SD)	16.2 (13.1)	13.9 (10.7)	0.98† (0.96, 1.00)
Median (IQR)	12.3 (7.0, 21.2)	10.3 (6.5, 18.5)	
Marital status	[2]		
Single	54 (68.4)	25 (31.7)	1.00
Married/partnership	163 (67.6)	78 (32.4)	1.03 (0.60, 1.78)
Divorced/widowed	45 (73.8)	16 (26.2)	0.77 (0.37, 1.61)
Nights in hospital	[9]	[5]	
mean (SD)	8.1 (6.7)	5.7 (4.1)	0.91 (0.87, 0.96)
median (IQR)	6 (3,10)	5 (3,8)	
Injury severity	[1]		
Minor	6 (37.5)	10 (62.5)	1.00

Moderate	189 (69.2)	84 (30.8)	0.27 (0.09, 0.76)
Serious or worse	68 (73.1)	25 (26.9)	0.22 (0.07, 0.67)
Number of injuries			
1	125 (67.6)	60 (32.4)	1.00
2	81 (71.7)	32 (38.3)	0.82 (0.49, 1.37)
3 or more	58 (68.2)	27 (31.8)	0.97 (0.56, 1.68)
Body part injured			
Other	20 (64.5)	11 (35.5)	1.00
Upper limb	32 (48.5)	34 (51.5)	1.93 (0.80, 4.66)
Lower limb	187 (76.0)	59 (24.0)	0.57 (0.26, 1.27)
Upper and lower limbs	25 (62.5)	15 (37.5)	1.09 (0.41, 2.89)
Injury mechanism			
Other	15 (57.7)	11 (42.3)	1.00
Falls	177 (68.3)	82 (31.7)	0.63 (0.28, 1.44)
Traffic	54 (73.0)	20 (27.0)	0.51 (0.20, 1.28)
Struck	18 (75.0)	6 (25.0)	0.45 (0.14, 1.52)
Place of injury		[1]	
Other	41 (67.7)	20 (32.3)	1.00
Home	59 (72.0)	23 (28.0)	0.82 (0.40, 1.68)
Work	22 (75.8)	8 (24.2)	0.67 (0.26, 1.75)
Road	76 (67.9)	36 (32.1)	0.99 (0.51, 1.93)
Countryside	37 (72.6)	14 (27.5)	0.79 (0.35, 1.79)
Sports facilities	25 (59.5)	17 (40.5)	1.43 (0.63, 3.22)

† Odds ratio per unit increase in score. Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding. Statistically significant odds ratios are highlighted.

Table 2. Characteristics of study participants measured at 1 month post-injury by recovery status at 12 months and unadjusted odds ratios

Characteristics	Not fully recovered n=264	Fully recovered n=119	Complete case: Unadjusted OR (95%CI)	Multiply imputed: Unadjusted OR (95%CI)
Depression (score range)¥				
Quartile 1 (0-3)	69 (53.9)	59 (46.1)	1.00	1.00
Quartile 2 (4-5)	60 (74.1)	21 (25.9)	0.41 (0.22, 0.75)	0.58 (0.32, 1.03)
Quartile 3 (6-9)	68 (73.1)	25 (26.9)	0.43 (0.24, 0.76)	0.61 (0.36, 1.02)
Quartile 4 (9.3-21)	67 (82.7)	14 (17.3)	0.24 (0.12, 0.48)	0.38 (0.21, 0.67)
Anxiety score mean (SD)	6.13 (4.41)	4.41 (4.04)	0.90† (0.86, 0.96)	0.94 (0.90, 0.99)
median (IQR)	5 (3,9)	3 (1,6)		
AUDIT mean (SD)	[4] 2.89 (3.85)	[5] 3.73 (4.12)	1.05† (1.00, 1.11)	1.02 (0.97, 1.07)
median (IQR)	2 (0,4)	3 (1,4)		
DAST mean (SD)	[4] 0.02 (0.17)	[1] 0.08 (0.48)	1.88† (0.86, 4.08)	1.14 (0.75, 1.73)
median (IQR)	0 (0,0)	0 (0, 0)		
IES avoidance mean (SD), Median (IQR)	[1] 8.24 (9.35) 5 (0,14)	[1] 5.39 (6.92) 3 (0,10)	0.96† (0.93, 0.99)	0.97 (0.95, 1.00)
IES intrusion mean (SD), Median (IQR)	[1] 8.45 (8.80) 6 (1,4)	[1] 6.43 (7.69) 3 (0,10)	0.97† (0.94, 1.00)	0.99 (0.96, 1.01)
SFQ mean (SD)	[1] 7.94 (3.61)	[1] 6.12 (3.26)	0.85† (0.79, 0.91)	0.91 (0.85, 0.97)
median (IQR)	7 (5,10)	6 (4,8)		
CSS mean (SD)	[1] 31.90 (6.49)	[1] 32.88 (5.69)	1.03† (0.99, 1.06)	1.02 (0.98, 1.05)
median (IQR)	33 (28, 36)	34 (30, 37)		
Changes in outlook (+ve) mean, (SD), median (IQR)	[1] 19.92 (6.58) 22 (17,25)	[1] 18.94 (6.52) 20 (14, 24)	0.98† (0.95, 1.01)	0.99 (0.96, 1.02)
Changes in outlook (-ve) mean (SD), median (IQR)	[1] 10.59 (5.42) 9 (6,14)	[1] 8.53 (4.18) 7 (5,11)	0.91† (0.87, 0.96)	0.95 (0.90, 0.99)
Life events since injury				
No	[5] 221 (68.6)	[6] 101 (31.4)	1.00	1.00
Yes	38 (76.0)	12 (24.0)	0.69 (0.35, 1.38)	0.90 (0.48, 1.66)
Pain VAS mean (SD), median (IQR)	[3] 32.41 (21.73) 29 (15, 50)	[1] 20.63 (18.77) 15 (5, 31)	0.97† (0.96, 0.98)	0.98 (0.97, 0.99)
Seeking compensation				
No	[18] 189 (66.1)	[8] 97 (33.9)	1.00	1.00
Yes	57 (80.3)	14 (19.7)	0.48 (0.25, 0.90)	0.65 (0.38, 1.13)
Involved in litigation				
No	[3] 18 (66.5)	[1] 110 (33.5)	1.00	1.00
Yes	43 (84.3)	8 (15.7)	0.37 (0.17, 0.81)	0.62 (0.32, 1.19)

¥ Depression scores were categorised into quartiles because the relationship with recovery was non-linear.

† Odds ratio per unit increase in score. Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding. Statistically significant odds ratios are highlighted.

Table 3. Psychological predictors (at 1 month post-injury) of recovery at 12 months, adjusted for confounders, socio-demographic and injury characteristics and other significant predictors (complete case analysis).

Characteristics	Model A: A priori confounders (n=383)	Model B: Model A + psychological predictors at 1 month (n=383)	Model C: Model B + psychological predictors at 1 month + socio- demographic, psychological and injury characteristics at baseline (n=356)	Model D: Model C + other predictors at 1 month (n=353)
	Odds ratio (95% CI)	Odds ratio (95% CI)	Odds ratio (95% CI)	Odds ratio (95% CI)
<i>A priori confounders</i>				
Centre				
Nottingham	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Loughborough	1.14 (0.64, 2.02)	1.16 (0.64, 2.08)	1.22 (0.64, 2.33)	1.22 (0.63, 2.33)
Bristol	0.84 (0.48, 1.47)	0.73 (0.41, 1.31)	0.77 (0.41, 1.47)	0.78 (0.41, 1.48)
Surrey	2.07 (0.92, 4.65)	1.72 (0.74, 4.00)	1.35 (0.53, 3.46)	1.44 (0.56, 3.70)
Age				
16-24	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
25-44	0.81 (0.35, 1.87)	0.93 (0.39, 2.18)	0.60 (0.22, 1.66)	0.75 (0.27, 2.12)
45-64	0.58 (0.28, 1.23)	0.61 (0.28, 1.31)	0.35 (0.13, 0.90)	0.43 (0.16, 1.15)
65+	1.30 (0.56, 3.04)	1.30 (0.54, 3.10)	0.36 (0.10, 1.29)	0.45 (0.13, 1.62)
Sex				
Female	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Male	0.88 (0.56, 1.38)	0.82 (0.51, 1.31)	0.88 (0.52, 1.47)	0.82 (0.49, 1.39)
<i>Psychological predictors measured at 1 month post-injury</i>				
Depression score				
Quartile 1 (0-3)		1.00	1.00	1.00
Quartile 2 (4-5)		0.37 (0.20, 0.69)	0.41 (0.20, 0.81)	0.46 (0.23, 0.92)
Quartile 3 (6-9)		0.42 (0.23, 0.77)	0.44 (0.23, 0.87)	0.57 (0.29, 1.11)
Quartile 4 (9.3-21)		0.25 (0.13, 0.50)	0.24 (0.11, 0.52)	0.33 (0.15, 0.73)
<i>Socio-demographic, psychological and injury characteristics at baseline</i>				
Employment				
In paid employment			1.00 0.34 (0.07, 1.59)	1.00 0.35 (0.08, 1.66)
Not in paid employment			2.41 (1.09, 5.35)	2.02 (0.91, 4.47)
Retired			0.35 (0.11, 1.11)	0.38 (0.12, 1.23)
Other				
Deprivation (IMD)			1.00 (0.98, 1.02)	1.00 (0.98, 1.03)
Nights in hospital			0.91 (0.86, 0.97)	0.91 (0.86, 0.97)
Severity				
Minor			1.00	
Moderate			0.24 (0.06, 0.93)	
Serious or worse			0.16 (0.04, 0.69)	
<i>Other predictors measured at 1 month post-injury</i>				
Pain visual analogue scale				0.98 (0.97, 0.99)

Note: only predictors significant in models or which changed the odds ratios for at least one depression score quartile at one month by >10% are shown. Statistically significant odds ratios are highlighted.

Supplementary materials

Online Table 1: Proportion of participants meeting definitions of caseness for psychological measures at baseline, 1 month and 12 months follow-up.

Psychological measure	Meets caseness definition (%)		
	Baseline (N=513)*	1 month (N=513)	12 months (N=383)
Depression (HADS depression score ≥ 11)	7(1.4)[2]	78(15.2)[1]**	22(5.7)**
Anxiety (HADS anxiety score ≥ 11)	21(4.1) [2]	82(16.0) [1]**	37(9.7) **
PTSD (IES score ≥ 26 ; moderate or severe)	N/A	126(24.7)[3]	68(17.8)[2]
Alcohol (score ≥ 8 ; medium or high)	98(19.6)[14]**	61(12.2)[13]**	50(13.3)[9] **
Drugs (DAST score ≥ 3 ; moderate or severe).	7(1.4%)[4]	4(0.8)[7]	2(0.5)[8]
Meets at least one of the above 5 psychological measures case definitions.	116(23.3)[[16]]	194(38.3)[[6]]	120(31.9)[[6]]

*Analysis restricted to those participants returning 1 month follow-up (n=513) as these are the sample used for analyses presented in this paper. []missing values . [[]]data were missing on one or more of the 5 variables and case definitions were not met for the other measures. **Significant change from baseline at $p < 0.001$

Online Table 2: Proportion of participants meeting criteria for psychiatric disorders from SCID interview at baseline, 1 month and 12 months follow-up.

Psychological measure	Meets caseness definition (%)		
	Baseline * Completed SCIDs N=513	1 Month SCIDs required based on screening questionnaire N=264** Completed SCIDs N=193 (73%)*	12 months SCIDs required based on screening questionnaire N=147 Completed SCIDs N=84 (57%)
Current Major Depression Episode	8(1.6)	35(18.1)****	14(17.7)****
Past major depressive episode	27(5.3)	N/A	N/A
Dysthymic disorder	9(1.8)	N/A	N/A
Panic Disorder	9(1.8)	6(3.1)	9(10.7)
Panic Disorder with agoraphobia	4(0.8)	1(0.5)	2(2.4)
Agoraphobia without history of panic disorder	2(0.4)	3(1.6)	3(3.6)
Social phobia	10(1.9)	0(0.0)	1(1.2)
Specific phobia	10(1.9)	5(2.6)	3(3.6)
Obsessions and Compulsion (OCD)	5(1.0)	1(0.5)	0(0.0)
Generalised anxiety disorder	7(1.4)	4(2.0)	4(4.8)
PTSD	8(1.6)	29(15.0)****	10(11.9)****
Alcohol abuse	15(2.9)	4(2.0)	4(4.8)
Alcohol dependence	11(2.1)	2(1.0)	3(3.6)
Substance abuse	2(0.4)	3(1.6)	1(1.2)
Substance dependence	2(0.4)	0(0.0)	0(0.0)

* Analysis restricted to those participants returning 1 month follow-up (n=513) as these are the sample used for analyses presented in this paper. ** Only those participants scoring one or more of the following cut-offs required SCID interviews: scores of borderline or caseness in HADS depression and HADS anxiety, moderate or severe in IES and DAST, medium or high in AUDIT. ***People who did not have their SCID interview done were dropped from analysis. ****Significant change from baseline at p<0.001. *****Significant change from baseline at p<0.05

Online table 3. Characteristics measured at baseline and one month in those who returned 1 and 12 month questionnaires compared with those who did not (row percentages)

<i>Characteristics measured at baseline</i>			
	Did not return both the 1 and 12 month questionnaires (n=284)	Returned 1 and 12 month questionnaires (n=384)	P value
Centre			
Nottingham	145 (52.2)	133 (47.8)	P<0.01
Loughborough	66 (39.5)	101 (60.5)	
Bristol	55 (31.6)	119 (68.4)	
Surrey	18 (36.7)	31 (63.3)	
Age			
16-24	58 (60.4)	38 (39.6)	P<0.01
25-44	106 (59.6)	72 (40.5)	
45-64	99 (31.9)	211 (68.1)	
65+	21 (25.0)	63 (75.0)	
Sex			
Female	110 (34.8)	206 (65.2)	P<0.01
Male	174 (49.4)	178 (50.6)	
Number of psychiatric diagnoses in past			
0	227 (40.8)	329 (59.2)	P=0.06
1	30 (45.5)	36 (55.6)	
2+	27 (58.7)	19 (41.3)	
Depression score			
mean (SD)	1.9 (3.1)	[2] 1.4 (2.3)	P=0.32
median (IQR)	0 (0,3)	0 (0,2)	
Anxiety score			
mean (SD)	3.3 (4.0)	[2] 2.9 (3.3)	P=0.62
median (IQR)	2 (0,5)	2 (0,5)	
AUDIT			
mean (SD)	[8] 5.9 (5.8)	[3] 4.4 (4.1)	P<0.01
median (IQR)	4 (2,8)	4 (1,6)	
DAST			
mean (SD)	[4] 0.4 (1.3)	[3] 0.1 (0.4)	P<0.01
median (IQR)	0 (0,0)	0 (0,0)	
Long standing illness			
No	[4] 208 (41.8)	[2] 290 (58.2)	P=0.63
Yes	72 (43.9)	92 (56.1)	
Employment			
Paid employment	[4] 171 (43.5)	[4] 222 (56.5)	P<0.01
Not in paid employment	43 (56.6)	33 (43.4)	
Retired	36 (27.7)	94 (72.3)	
Other	30 (49.2)	31 (50.8)	
Ethnic group			
White	263 (41.5)	[2] 371 (58.5)	P<0.01
BME	21 (65.6)	11 (34.4)	
Deprivation (IMD)			
mean (SD)	[8] 20.7 (15.1)	[9] 15.5 (12.4)	P<0.01
median (IQR)	15.5 (9.1, 29.0)	11.4 (6.9, 20.0)	
Marital status			
Single	[3] 110 (58.2)	[2] 79 (41.8)	P<0.01
Married/partnership	118 (32.8)	242 (67.2)	
Divorced/widowed	53 (46.5)	61 (53.5)	
Nights in hospital			
Mean (SD)	7.3 (5.7)	7.3 (6.1)	P=0.81
Median (IQR)	6 (3,10)	6 (3,9)	

Injury severity	[1]	[1]	
Minor	28 (63.6)	16 (36.4)	P=0.01
Moderate	197 (41.8)	274 (58.2)	
Serious or worse	58 (38.6)	93 (61.6)	
Number of injuries			
1	132 (41.6)	185 (58.4)	P=0.31
2	98 (46.5)	113 (53.6)	
3 or more	54 (38.6)	86 (61.4)	
Body part injured			
Other	29 (48.3)	31 (51.7)	P=0.43
Upper limb	51 (43.6)	66 (56.4)	
Lower limb	183 (42.7)	246 (57.3)	
Upper and lower limbs	21 (33.9)	41 (66.1)	
Injury mechanism			
Other	28 (51.9)	26 (48.2)	P=0.11
Falls	166 (39.1)	259 (60.9)	
Traffic	67 (47.2)	75 (52.8)	
Struck	23 (48.9)	24 (51.1)	
Place of injury			
Other	41 (39.8)	62 (60.2)	P=0.38
Home	60 (42.3)	82 (57.8)	
Work	29 (46.0)	34 (54.0)	
Road	88 (44.0)	112 (56.0)	
Countryside	25 (32.9)	51 (67.1)	
Sports facilities	41 (49.4)	42 (50.6)	
Characteristics measured at 1 month			
	Returned 1 month questionnaire but did not return 12 month questionnaire (n=129)	Returned 1 and 12 month questionnaires (n=384)	P value
Depression score	[1]		
Mean (SD)	6.2 (4.4)	6.0 (4.3)	P=0.70
Median (IQR)	5 (2,9)	5 (3,9)	
Anxiety score	[1]		
Mean (SD)	6.4 (4.4)	5.6 (4.4)	P=0.06
Median (IQR)	6 (2.7, 10)	5 (2,8)	
AUDIT	[4]	[9]	
Mean (SD)	5.9 (5.8)	3.1 (3.9)	P=0.06
Median (IQR)	4 (2,8)	2 (0,4)	
DAST	[2]	[5]	
Mean (SD)	0.1 (0.5)	0.0 (0.3)	P<0.01
Median (IQR)	0 (0,0)	0 (0,0)	
IES avoidance	[2]	[1]	
Mean (SD),	9.0 (9.6)	7.3 (8.8)	P=0.08
Median (IQR)	6 (0,16)	4 (0,12)	
IES intrusion	[2]	[1]	
Mean (SD),	9.6 (9.8)	7.8 (8.5)	P=0.08
Median (IQR)	6 (1,16)	5 (0,12)	
SFQ	[3]	[2]	
Mean (SD)	7.9 (3.7)	7.4 (3.6)	P=0.16
Median (IQR)	8 (5,10)	7 (5,9)	
CSS	[3]	[2]	
Mean (SD)	31.5 (5.5)	32.2 (6.3)	P=0.09
Median (IQR)	33 (28,36)	34 (28, 36)	
Changes in outlook (+)	[3]	[1]	
Mean (SD)	19.0 (6.3)	19.6 (6.6)	P=0.27
Median (IQR)	21 (14, 24)	21 (16, 24)	

Changes in outlook (-) Mean (SD), Median (IQR)	[2] 10.0 (5.0) 9 (5,13)	[2] 9.9 (5.1) 9 (5,12)	P=0.63
Life events since injury No Yes	[3] 104 (24.4) 22 (30.1)	[11] 322 (75.6) 51 (69.9)	P=0.30
Pain VAS Mean (SD), Median (IQR)	34.8 (25.0) 28 (15, 52)	[4] 28.7 (21.5) 24 (11,47)	P=0.02
Seeking compensation No Yes	[5] 98 (25.5) 26 (26.8)	[26] 287 (74.5) 71 (73.2)	P=0.79
Involved in litigation No Yes	[3] 106 (24.4) 20 (28.2)	[4] 329 (75.6) 51 (71.8)	P=0.49

Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding

Online Table 4. Psychological predictors (at 1 month post-injury) of recovery at 12 months, adjusted for confounders, socio-demographic and injury characteristics and other significant predictors (analysis of multiply imputed data for all 668 participants at baseline).

Characteristics	Model A (A priori confounders)	Model B (Model A + psychological predictors at 1 month)	Model C (Model B + psychological predictors at 1 month + socio- demographic, psychological and injury characteristics at baseline)	Model D (Model C + other predictors at 1 month)
	Odds ratio (95% CI)	Odds ratio (95% CI)	Odds ratio (95% CI)	Odds ratio (95% CI)
<i>A priori confounders</i>				
Centre:				
Nottingham	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Loughborough	1.23 (0.74 , 2.06)	1.20 (0.71 , 2.03)	1.21 (0.69 , 2.10)	1.19 (0.69, 2.06)
Bristol	0.80 (0.48 , 1.34)	0.77 (0.45 , 1.30)	0.77 (0.45 , 1.33)	0.75 (0.43, 1.31)
Surrey	2.20 (1.04 , 4.68)	2.03 (0.94 , 4.38)	1.75 (0.77 , 3.96)	1.74 (0.77, 3.92)
Age:				
16-24	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
25-44	0.90 (0.45 , 1.79)	0.92 (0.45 , 1.88)	0.79 (0.36 , 1.69)	0.78 (0.36, 1.72)
45-64	0.67 (0.34 , 1.34)	0.67 (0.33 , 1.36)	0.54 (0.25 , 1.19)	0.52 (0.23, 1.17)
65+	1.25 (0.54 , 2.87)	1.19 (0.51 , 2.76)	0.71 (0.25 , 2.05)	0.63 (0.22, 1.82)
Sex:				
Female	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Male	0.99 (0.66 , 1.48)	0.91 (0.60 , 1.39)	0.95 (0.61 , 1.47)	0.95 (0.61, 1.47)
<i>Psychological predictors measured at 1 month post-injury</i>				
Depression:				
Quartile 1 (0-3)		1.00	1.00	1.00
Quartile 2 (4-5)		0.55 (0.30 , 0.99)	0.54 (0.29 , 1.02)	0.59 (0.32, 1.10)
Quartile 3 (6-9)		0.62 (0.36 , 1.05)	0.63 (0.36 , 1.11)	0.73 (0.41, 1.30)
Quartile 4 (9.3-21)		0.39 (0.22 , 0.70)	0.40 (0.22 , 0.75)	0.53 (0.28, 1.00)
<i>Socio-demographic, psychological and injury characteristics at baseline</i>				
Employment:				
In paid employment			1.00	1.00
Not in paid employment			0.75 (0.30 , 1.85)	0.79 (0.32, 1.97)
Retired			1.73 (0.87 , 3.44)	1.72 (0.86, 3.42)
Other			0.50 (0.19 , 1.29)	0.48 (0.18, 1.27)
Deprivation (IMD)			0.99 (0.98 , 1.01)	1.00 (0.98, 1.01)
Nights in hospital			0.95 (0.90 , 0.99)	0.94 (0.90, 0.99)
Injury severity:				
Minor			1.00	
Moderate			0.70 (0.26 , 1.86)	
Serious or worse			0.56 (0.19 , 1.64)	
<i>Other predictors measured at 1 month post-injury</i>				
Pain visual analogue scale				0.99 (0.97, 1.00)

Statistically significant odds ratios are highlighted.

Online table 5: Sensitivity analysis of final model for psychological predictors (at 1 month post-injury) of recovery at 12 months, adjusted for confounders, socio-demographic and injury characteristics and other significant predictors restricted to participants with HADS depression subscale scores <8 at 12 months.

Characteristics	Final model (Model D) n=315
	Odds ratio (95% CI)
<i>A priori confounders</i>	
Centre:	
Nottingham	1.00
Loughborough	1.35 (0.69, 2.66)
Bristol	0.78 (0.40, 1.52)
Surrey	1.47 (0.57, 3.81)
Age:	
16-24	1.00
25-44	0.71 (0.25, 2.05)
45-64	0.41 (0.15, 1.13)
65+	0.44 (0.12, 1.66)
Sex:	
Female	1.00
Male	0.88 (0.51, 1.52)
<i>Psychological predictors measured at 1 month post-injury</i>	
Depression:	1.00
Quartile 1 (0-3)	0.48 (0.24, 0.97)
Quartile 2 (4-5)	0.59 (.30, 1.18)
Quartile 3 (6-9)	0.37 (0.16, 0.84)
Quartile 4 (9.3-21)	
<i>Socio-demographic, psychological and injury characteristics at baseline</i>	
Employment:	
In paid employment	1.00
Not in paid employment	0.44 (0.09, 2.16)
Retired	2.19 (0.95, 5.02)
Other	0.27 (0.08, 0.99)
Deprivation (IMD)	1.00 (0.98, 1.03)
Nights in hospital	0.92 (0.86, 0.98)
<i>Other predictors measured at 1 month post-injury</i>	
Pain visual analogue scale	0.98 (0.96, 0.99)

Statistically significant odds ratios are highlighted.