Presentation

Mental Health reform 1995
Compulsory Treatment in Sweden
Swedish Challenges
Purpose

• A changed view of mental illness
• Social integration and the best life possible on equal terms with the rest of the population
• Close the mental hospitals
Tools

- Law changes
  - General state subsidy
- Funding transferred - from county councils to municipalities
- Financial responsibility
Beds

- In 1994 – 10 000 beds in hospitals – 2000 in community based houses
- In 2002 – 4000 beds in hospitals – 8000 in community based houses
Compulsory assessment if:

- A mentally disturbance
- It is necessary with treatment in a hospital
- The patient refuse treatment
Patients' rights

- The main rule is informed consent
- Individual information
- Involuntary treatment - if it can be defended with respect to the aim of the treatment
- Possibility to appeal
Swedish Challenges

• Gaps between community treatment and health care
• Right to freedom and citizenship and right to health and protection
• How to protect the rights?
• Beds as indicator?