



People in the Workplace

- The workplace is deemed a less accepting place for mental health problems with 48% saying they would conceal their problem from colleagues
- 51% of people with experience of mental health problems said they would not conceal their mental illness in the workplace
- 57% of full time workers believe that their mental health problem could have a negative effect on their job and career prospects
- 40% of part time workers would not be comfortable with a person with alcoholism in the workplace
- 43% would be comfortable having a person with schizophrenia in their workplace
- 74% of people would be comfortable working with a person with a diagnosis of depression
- 40% of people with a personal experience of mental health problems feel this diagnosis would have a negative effect on their relationship with work colleagues
- Two in three people believe that people with mental illness should have the same rights as others but only 46% believe this applies to the workplace
- 1 in 5 people say they would be very comfortable working with someone with depression

Source: Public attitudes towards mental illness, a benchmark study for See Change, 2010