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A MENTAL HEALTH UNIT FOR THE DEAF. THE SPANISH EXPERIENCE

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In 2002 the first spanish mental health unit for the Deaf was set up at the Gregorio Marañón Hospital in Madrid. From this moment that unit has seen more than 400 profoundly deaf patients which means more than 6500 consultations. Only 3 professionals works in the unit. a psychologist, a social worker and a part time psychiatrist. We have 3 principal goals in our presentation:

1. First: Present the results of the unit. Number and kind of patients, disorders and treatments.
2. Second: Explain how difficult is to set up this kind of spcialized units in a big general hospital.
3. Third: Prsent our plans to improve our unit in the short term.