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A Guide To Mental Health Terminology

This guide aims to provide a quick reference for anybody seeking to understand terms commonly used by mental health services.

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Hallucination

A psychotic symptom characterised by distorted or imaginary sensations of sight, hearing, smell, taste or touch that are experienced by the person as if real. For example, a person may see something that is not there or hear the voice of somebody who is not present.

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