DATABASE ADDICTION 1.0: TABLE OF TABLES

YoHa, 2015/2016

Perspex meeting room table tops

Dimensions variable

Courtesy of the artists YoHa (Graham Harwood and Matsuko Yokokoji) and South London and Maudsley NHS Trust (SLaM)

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How does language confine us to a limited list of stereotypes or symptoms? How are relations between health workers and people who use addiction services defined by database systems?

Table of Tables is an installation from an Addictions Centre meeting room in Lambeth, London and graphically represents these questions. It encourages staff to consider the leap between the system’s idea of a ‘service-user’ and the human needs of individuals.