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## **About the Author**

Gerard Slok - Flens was born on May 15th, 1985 in Zaandam. In 2003, he completed secondary school at SG Zaanlands Lyceum in Zaandam. Additionally, he completed a Bachelor of Science in Psychology in 2007 and a Master of Science in Psychology in 2011, both at the University of Amsterdam. In 2014, he started as an external PhD student at Leiden University (Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Institute of Psychology) under the supervision of prof. dr. Edwin de Beurs, prof. dr. Philip Spinhoven, dr. Niels Smits, and dr. Caroline B. Terwee. The work presented here is the final product of this project. In the meantime, Gerard held various positions at the Foundation for benchmarking mental health care (Stichting Benchmark GGZ; SBG) from 2011 to 2018. His current position is that of Product owner of the Data portal mental health (GGZ Dataportaal; <https://ggzdataportaal.nl>) at the Quality alliance mental health (Alliantie kwaliteit in de geestelijke gezondheidszorg; Akwa GGZ; <https://akwaggz.nl>). Gerard's primary motivation in his work is to contribute to the improvement of mental health care. Additionally, he has a keen interest in world literature and the nature of reality.



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