

2019 Submission - Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System

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What are your suggestions to improve the Victorian community's understanding of mental illness and reduce stigma and discrimination?

"Back in the 1940s compulsory CHEST X RAYS were conducted to eradicate tuberculosis (T.B.) this was a success - with the infection being virtually eradicated those found to be infected were required to enter sanatoriums for treatment and discharged when medically free from T/B It is a considered opinion that drug usage is a MEDICAL PROBLEM - that on entering the drug scene the casual user often progresses to total addiction - assisted by the profit seeking criminal element that preys on the vulnerable - ultimately the developing addict is forced to enter into criminal activity to fund their habit or enters into anti social behaviour - often committing acts & offences in a mental impaired state with innocents being victims. Any person detected by drug testing should be required- as was the case of T/B/ compulsory X rays - be required to surrender their Drivers licence and undergo rehabilitation until completely clear of drug usage "

What is already working well and what can be done better to prevent mental illness and to support people to get early treatment and support?

make medical facilities available to treat drug addiction with those detected required to receive treatment and be completely free from drugs in their system - before a Drivers Licence is restored Drug addiction leads - in many cases to mental illness

What is already working well and what can be done better to prevent suicide?

The Safe Injecting Room in Richmond although achieving success is also supporting & maintaining the drug problem in some instances

What makes it hard for people to experience good mental health and what can be done to improve this? This may include how people find, access and experience mental health treatment and support and how services link with each other.

lack of live in compulsory rehabilitation centres

What are the drivers behind some communities in Victoria experiencing poorer mental health outcomes and what needs to be done to address this?

lack of employment plus the attraction of Centrelink payments that has created several generations of unemployed families or collective groups pooling their payments developing a generation of unresponsive attitude lacking in initiative to improve

What are the needs of family members and carers and what can be done better to support them?

many families are blinded to the activities of their drug usage family members Or often accept the situations as is

What can be done to attract, retain and better support the mental health workforce, including peer support workers?

give them more facilities and powers - stop the soft approach and make treatment compulsory

What are the opportunities in the Victorian community for people living with mental illness to improve their social and economic participation, and what needs to be done to realise these opportunities?

compulsory treatment

Thinking about what Victorias mental health system should ideally look like, tell us what areas and reform ideas you would like the Royal Commission to prioritise for change?

make drug usage a medical problem - make treatment compulsory

What can be done now to prepare for changes to Victorias mental health system and support improvements to last?

treat drug addiction as a medical problem and have compulsory treatment mandatory

Is there anything else you would like to share with the Royal Commission?

there is a need for affirmative action with compulsory supervised hands on treatment - no more feel good discussions persons with advanced problems receive live in - medical supervised accommodation