

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?

Today travelling to any state or territories is normal for many persons. Each state has different rules and processes to be assessed as having a mental illness. But when an episode occurs in a state that has not assessed her the information is not transferrable from one the other state. The stigma in being reassessed should be avoided

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?

Have information readily transferrable between states and have the same standards

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

Health workers being readily able to access the clients information anywhere in Australia

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.

Each state mental health system and each health service needs to be able to be access and treat patients based on previous history. This history may be with another service provider.

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

Lack community input into the health services

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

Family members need to be recognised by support workers. At all times.

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

More funding for internships for new nurses in mental health wards

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?

Presently an employer can get a subsidy for employing a mental health worker. But the employee gets a regular meeting with the organisation. But the employer does not get any support to help

the employee.

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?

Needs to link with other states mental health systems

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

Get the Federal Government to join the royal Commission

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

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