

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?

"I have a complaint. I am a 47 y.o. ex-support worker from [REDACTED], who has recently had time off from the health profession to complete a law degree. Several months ago, I was taken from my home under the emergency response to a back room of [REDACTED] hospital by 4 police + 2 mental health workers, who claimed that someone claimed I had a mental illness and fitted one of three categories under the Act. This was never proven nor did the reporter/instigator surface. At this stage, the information which I have requested under freedom of information act has never surfaced and at the time of this incident I actioned a complaint with the mental health commissioner, Victoria (which I understood turned around the hospital's intention to label me, but I never have heard back from the commissioner to find up the follow up). I also instigated legal proceedings, but cancelled these once I was cleared from the accusations. I also recorded much of the conversations from the hospital staff which can be used as evidence that the hospital actions were inappropriate and unprofessional. It has been this week, when the local medical clinic, DPV health, nearest to the hospital, requested that I have a blood test for concern over my iron levels that I dutifully made an appointment and a doctor who I have never seen before oversaw the matter, because my regular doctor was not in attendance. Immediately at the appointment, he denied the existence of this letter on my blood test and refused to give me the paperwork for an updated blood test to assess my iron count. Then he proceeded to write on the centre's database notes negative aspects of my mental health. I objected to his defamatory statements and tried to correct his misconstrued information. My concern is that the mental health system is faulty and an inquiry should be made to ensure that people are protected from such predatory behaviour. "

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?

I would like to represent the numbers of Australians who do not agree that people need early treatment and support.

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

"The mental health system is causing these, so I have been told."

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.

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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?

N/A

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?

N/A

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

N/A

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

I would like to stand in Parliament and how the system is counter productive.