

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?

Don't confuse mental health with dementia. My dad was put in [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] in the psych ward and he had dementia. [REDACTED] needs to be shut down as it is worse than [REDACTED]. The doctors and nurses were horrible and the place was very unsafe for my 84 year old Dad. The place smelt like death. My Dad was there for five weeks and stopped eating. The food was disgusting. I believe his stay there shortened his life. Investigate [REDACTED] please and close it down.

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?

Stop the ads. It is too much in every one's face. People are too pressurised these days

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

N/A

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?

Look into [REDACTED] and close it down. Educate people on dementia. It is not a psych issue!

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?

Please investigate [REDACTED]. I would be happy to help in any way. My Dad would also appreciate it as he died 5 months later. He was not that sick until he went to [REDACTED]. Look at [REDACTED] too as they put him there and the should not have.