

PE1651/MMMM

Anonymous submission of 13 January 2018

My son has been in the mental health system for 28 years. He has been hospitalised approx 14 times and has since January 8th. 2000 been and still is incarcerated in a mental hospital today.

Despite all the interventions of psychiatry and the mental health system he is now and has been for many years delusional on a daily basis. Been given many psychiatric drugs, neuroleptics and antidepressants some double of what the manufacturers recommended. He has also been given ECT a few years ago and I am one hundred per cent convinced it's the medication and treatment he's been given has left him in the delusional state he is today.

He used to phone me four or five times a day all hours begging and pleading for me to get him out of hosp and off the drugs which in his words were 'killing him'.

As the psychiatrist has all the power I was advised by a solicitor 'to exercise my powers with care as my son would not want me displaced as a nearest relative' so despite all my asking and pleading for some other form of help was told 'there is only the drugs'.

In the eighteen years he has been detained he has been sent to various mental hospitals one as far away as 340 miles (one way) which took me almost seven hours drive to visit, he was detained there for three and a half years, but is now in a hospital 120 miles away.

There have been two different psychiatrists in two different hospitals who have said he was 'treatment resistant' and yet when asked why don't they stop prescribing the medications we were told they couldn't possibly do that.

Psychiatry is still way back in the dark ages and definitely needs changing in the way people / sufferers are treated and there is also much science out there proving the damage these drugs do particularly long term.

I do hope you will please help towards making these changes. There are small changes already being made but not fast enough for all the thousands that are suffering at the hands of those who are supposed to be caring for them.