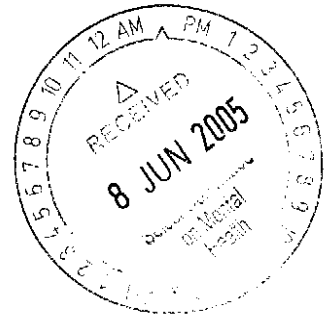


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Revised Submission to the Select Committee on Mental Health

Brief history of fifty four year old male diagnosed with Schizophrenia at seventeen years.

- 1 Contracted Poliomyelitis at four months of age —resulting in partial paralysis and shortening of leg .
- 2 Signs of disturbed behaviour early adolescence
- 3 Diagnosis Schizophrenia late adolescence - no case worker .
- 3 Left home. Lived on streets of city for two years. Sent to gaol for non payment of fine for feet on railway carriage seat. Discharged to streets - no medication - no information to family.
- 4 Picked up from street in psychotic and appalling physical condition - admitted to Psychiatric Hospital
- 5 Discharged to rooming house. Short attendance at Psychiatric Clinic .
- 6 Readmitted to Hospital after approach to Police Surgeon. Discharged - no case worker, no support to continue medication.
- 7 Worked for short time. Place of work closed down. Moved from accommodation several times due to unacceptable behaviour. No case worker no medication. Lost to family again.
- 8 Located after appeal to Police - Sought help from Psychiatric Clinic. One visit by two social workers. No follow up no medication
- 9 Help is not available because this person denies his illness.He is in need of dental and medical and social help.

Signed