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To: Committee, Mental Health (SEN)

Subject: submission

I haave reached the age of 83 and have been supporting my son who has schitzophrenia since 1972, both financially and emotiuonally.

I am a war widdow with veteran's affairs pension.

There is a need for ungoing support for both myself and my son who is now 53, having been a foundation member of ARAFMI (Relative and friends of the Mentaly Ill) I know that I am not alone in my situation. I therefore submit that there is a need for the support for elderly parents of adult children who need care.