

# Progress Report

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NAME: Robert CUMMINGS.  
AGE: 16 years.  
LOCATION: Coolibah section, Turana.  
DATE: 21/4/71.

SECTION REPORT:

Is that Robert is no trouble. There is no evidence of homosexual activity and he is showing improved ability to mix with other boys in the section.

BEHAVIOUR THERAPY:

Robert has continued shock aversion treatment for his homosexuality with Mr. Verbeene at the Parkville Psychiatric Unit and so far has had 7 sessions. He feels already that this has been of some benefit and that there is some change in his sexual identification. This is instanced by his fantasies during masturbation which have changed from being purely homosexual to being rather neutral in content.

This treatment is likely to continue beyond his next Review date of 18/5/71. In these circumstances I feel that management should be continued as at present so that there is no interruption to what could be helpful treatment.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) To continue in present section while under behaviour therapy.
- (2) Duration of behaviour therapy is at present indefinite but could possibly continue for 2 or 3 months.

DJH:JH

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D. J. HIBBS,  
Psychiatric Medical Officer.

To note -  
1. S.E.T.  
2. S.A.C.  
3. Return to S.W.

*Waked  
7/5/71*

Mr Chatley  
It would be interesting to learn a little more of the treatment at Parkville

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7/5/71