

Progress Report
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TURANA PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC

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NAME: Robert CUMMINGS.
AGE: 16 years.
LOCATION: Quamby section, Turana.
DATE: 17/2/71.

Robert was seen again following an interview on 11/2/71 for continued assessment of his suitability for treatment of his homosexuality and for consideration of his response to this suggested treatment.

AT INTERVIEW:

He again impressed as perhaps not being completely motivated for treatment and showing considerable disquiet that this might take the form of behaviour therapy involving the unpleasantness of electric shocks and even expressed the opinion that if this was the form of treatment likely to be provided then perhaps he would prefer to stay as he was. However, he is still very young and at 16 years perhaps has not full understanding of what a life of permanent homosexuality entails. In view of this and despite my own doubts as to his suitability of motivation for treatment, I feel that perhaps he should be further assessed with treatment in view and accordingly am writing to the Parkville Professorial Unit with a request that they arrange to see him with a view to the possibility of help with his sexual deviation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) Continue as at present in Quamby with a shift to an open section when this is routinely agreeable.
- (2) Letter to Dr. G. Mellsoy, Registrar, Parkville Psychiatric Unit, requesting an appointment for assessment of his suitability for treatment for homosexuality.

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