

A Qualitative Analysis Of The Kind Of Support Needed By Family Members Regarding Reintegration Of Male State Patients Into Their Families In South Africa

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Background: State patients are admitted to a psychiatric hospital after being declared as such by the magistrate courts as a result of not found fit to stand trial for the offence they had committed. Despite continued care, treatment and rehabilitation of state patients in the psychiatric hospitals: there is limited evidence about the kind of support that family members need during reintegration of male state patients into their families in South Africa. The kind of support needed by family members regarding reintegration of male state patients into their families is not largely explored in the scientific body of knowledge.

Aim: The aim of the study was to determine the kind of support needed by family members to reintegrate the state patients into their family, and to.

Setting: This study was conducted in Vhembe District of Limpopo Province, South

Conclusion: Data revealed that family members require support from hospitals, community and government regarding re-integration. This kind of support was based on the type of family and patients who need to be reintegrated into their families. The study recommends that a model need to be developed regarding re-integration of state patients into their families.

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Biography

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