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Youth Justice Amendment Bill Submission

I have learnt to look at life through a care plan, a nursing care plan. I believe it has the power to deliver the best results for everyone.

It was only recently that police took public responsibility for their members mental health. Globally governments rightly poured millions into PTSD initiatives.

I have held conversations with heads of police unions suggesting concussion may also be reasonable to look at for their members health.

The reason I raise police mental health issues in a youth justice amendment hearing is;

Now the government has accepted the harm, need and created presumptive legislation for one community group it is not reasonable to show equity to another. Especially one that bookends police.

What is the health and unmet need of this group in the areas of PTSD and Concussion?
How does it impact their reoffending?

We are now globally at the pointy end of the conversations of #defundingpolice
#abolishprisons but what does that look like practically.

We know we have many services failing the aged, disabled and youth. How many are being held accountable for failed service provision by the regulator? How many pay out NDA's and simply rebrand with no one the wiser?

I suggest some people in service care, finding themselves involved with police, have service contracts worth over 1 million dollars, but with very little to show for it.

The whole system becomes akin to human trafficking, with providers unwilling to let go of people, who need to move on to others that maybe more qualified to met their needs.

It becomes a human rights battleground even when supported by peak advocacy. Please check with the DRC if you doubt my words.

Anyway, let's not miss this opportunity to consider the mental health effects and impacts for everyone from over policing and under resourced/inefficiencies of healthcare solutions.

Thank you for your time and good luck with this inquiry 😊