

Taskforce Flaxton

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Attachments: Letter from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] - .pdf

To Crime and Corruption Commission,

emailing you to submit an anonymous submission for the Taskforce Flaxton examination.

[REDACTED] prisoner [REDACTED] who was accommodated at [REDACTED] Correctional centre. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] died [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had been in prison for approximately 26 years.

I believe that [REDACTED] story would be 1 of many that are held in correctional services.

The main concern I would like to voice is that [REDACTED] had spent 26 years in prison. He waited 10 years to have a liver biopsy was told in 2004 after it was performed that he needed to be treated with interferon and ribavirin immediately for Hepatitis C. He finally received treatment in 2009 and was not given the medication daily and eventually the discontinued treatment 10 weeks later.

Some key points I would like to highlight [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

I do believe if [REDACTED] had been provided with proper medical care in 2004 that he would still be here today. I would also like mention that I do not believe [REDACTED] had Hepatitis C before he went to prison.

There needs to be an investigation into the fair access for medical assistance within corrections. 85% of people who inject drugs or have in the past are hepatitis C positive. Prisons are a high risk for transmission of HCV not only from injecting drug use but also through bloody fights, back yard tattooing which involves blood to blood contact.

People with hepatitis C are at a higher risk of developing liver cancer if left untreated. Liver cancer may be treatable if detected early, and for people with liver cirrhosis long term liver surveillance/monitoring is required every 6-12 months which include ultrasound and blood tests. This makes me question how many people are in corrections that have hepatitis C and are potentially suffering from or have liver cancer undetected.

I do not want what happened to [REDACTED] to happen to anyone else. Regardless if people are in prison or not they are still people and do have the right to health care and to be treated humanly.

If you are not able to use this information for your examination please let me know .

Yours respectfully,

[REDACTED]

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