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We would like to see an end to the "colonial" attitude on the part of some doctors and nursing personnel towards patients - just merely regarding us as subjects or, indeed, as depersonalised objects of observation to be disposed in any old capricious fashion. We would prefer to be treated in a democratic way based on liberty, equality and fraternity.

My organisation has been trying to call for greater critical evaluation of the system of mental health treatment which prevails here in Ireland (and in most other countries in the "developed" world). Whether by independent research or by methods built in to the mental health system we would like to see a thorough historical, contemporary and ongoing assessment of outcomes in the mental health system. Where have we come from? Where are we now? The answers to these questions should illumine the path to where we want to go?

And we think that the health of mental patients should not be the only concern - the general health and social standing of staff - particularly front-line staff - should be a major concern too.

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