

From: Kerri Keith <kerrikeithriverward@gmail.com>
Sent: October 4, 2018 2:07 PM
To: Heather Pope; Heather Pope
Subject: Re: Dementia and Criminal Justice - Ottawa Municipal Election

My apologies for the delay in responding to this question.

It breaks my heart to hear how someone with dementia could be criminally charged for an aggression they cannot control. Isn't there already a section of the penal code that deals with persons with mental defects who commit crimes? If it is not adequate to address the circumstances of assault within a long term care setting for someone with dementia, then a modification should be made. If elected, I will support a measure that defends an aggressive senior with dementia but also protects other residents and facility staff.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Heather Pope
Sent: Thursday, October 4, 2018 9:12 AM
To: Heather Pope
Subject: FW: Dementia and Criminal Justice - Ottawa Municipal Election

Dear Candidates:

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their response to our election question about persons with dementia, criminal justice and municipal long-term care homes. To-date, we have received 19 replies. We have posted them on our [website](#).

If you have not responded but wish to do so, please be advised that we will continue posting replies on a rolling basis.

If you'd like your response to be removed, please let us know.

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to address our question about this vulnerable population.

Best wishes with your campaign.

Sincerely,

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From: Heather Pope
Sent: September 18, 2018 5:02 PM
To: dementiajustice@outlook.com
Subject: Dementia and Criminal Justice - Ottawa Municipal Election

Dear Candidate:

On behalf of the Dementia Justice Society of Canada, I am writing to ask a campaign question: “If elected, how will you work to improve the lives of people with dementia who live in a municipal long-term care home and become involved with the criminal justice system (e.g., are violent toward staff or another resident and are charged with assault)?”

Dementia Justice is a federally-incorporated non-profit society dedicated to advancing the rights, needs and dignity of people with dementia who are, or are at risk of becoming, involved with the criminal justice system. We strive to achieve our objectives through public advocacy, awareness-raising, education, and interdisciplinary legal and policy research.

Our current volunteer advisory board members are:

- Nicole Dalmer, PhD candidate, Faculty of Information and Media Studies, University of Western Ontario;
- Professor Margaret Isabel Hall, Faculty of Law, Thompson Rivers University;
- Barbara Lindsay, Director of Advocacy and Education & Marketing and Communications, Alzheimer Society of British Columbia;
- Helene Love, doctoral candidate, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto;
- Aileen McGinty, Crown Attorney, Mental Health Court and Court Monitored Drug Treatment Program, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia; and
- Daina Stanley, PhD candidate, Medical Anthropology, McMaster University.

For your reference, several of our advocacy materials are posted on our website, including our 2017 [submission](#) to the federal Department of Justice in response to its transforming the criminal justice system initiative.

Kindly note that we intend to post your response on our website for voters to read.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes with your campaign.

Sincerely,

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