

Dear Debra

I am sure you are getting a lot of reaction as a result of your radio interview yesterday on the Jeremy Vine show.

I was so taken aback in the resemblance to my own families story, even to the names, as my son William has been a cannabis smoker since 14 and the domestic crisis as described by you on the radio has been with us for so long, resulting in William being sanctioned under the mental health act a week ago after trying to commit suicide. I to have 3 boys and although William is the middle son at 18 the age range is the same.

I do not know why I am sending you this other than to empathise with you and offer my support.

We do not know how things will work out at the moment but I suppose if I were to be brutally realistic my William will probably deteriorate and be just another statistic in a box. As you may gather my family is at a low ebb presently but thanks for bringing the issue to the radio although I doubt the public will understand what the it's like unless they have to live with it day and night.

Regards

Nigel