Mental Illness and the Family in Post-War Britain

Background
Previously, I have studied the role of pauper families in the care of the insane during the Nineteenth Century.

Recently, historians have begun to focus their attention on post-war mental health care, in Britain. However, this literature has not included the voice of family.

MA Dissertation
The ‘National Schizophrenia Fellowship’ will be used as a case study to examine the role of the family in post-war mental health care provision.

The project will focus on why the organisation, which was set up to support schizophrenia patients and their carers, was founded in 1972.

PhD Thesis
The MA dissertation will form the basis of a wider study into the relationship between families and mental health care provision in Post-War Britain, at PhD level.

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