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Submission concerning the proposed psychiatric screening of 0-3 year olds.

Dear Sir

As an opening statement from a parental viewpoint, you do not have my consent and I do not condone such an act upon defenseless infants.

From my studies the mental health act is flawed, does not do what it says and is merely oppressive upon those who are in need of comfort.

I have read that your profession declares that there are no medical tests as such, to show that a person has a mental health condition, so how can you say an infant, who cannot speak or communicate to you will, when he grows up be subject to mental illness.

I must ask would you like it, if this was done to you without your consent. If not then you shouldn't do it to them.

While I can see that some individuals can have emotional problems that cripple them in many ways. But as adults they do have the faculty of communication and intelligence to be able yo decide how they wish to deal with whats bothering them.

Children from 0 to 3 years as yet do not fully have the same ability to communicate as an adult does. That being said they do communicate. with tears and screaming and tantrums in order to let the adult know that they are in need of something.

To class such things as abnormal is absurd.

The human species is here today in all its glory, with extended lifespans, global travel, wealth and prosperity.

In all these 1000's of years children have been screaming and having tantrums and they have grown up into adults who have changed the world.

And we have done it all without your interference.

Leave our children alone. Let them be children until they can decide for themselves.

Furthermore please find attached an earlier Submission on Clinical Practice Points on the Diagnosis, Assessment and Management of ADHD in Children and Adolescents.

This earlier submission I believe outlines clearly my stance on any matter concerned with mental health and especially this matter before us.

Yours Sincerely

LGP

