

Dear Commissioners,

I am concerned at the draft proposal for social and emotional wellbeing checks for infants from birth to 3 years of age.

Children have usual problems of crying and difficult behaviour which is the normal human condition and which parents and doctors with love and hardwork have throughout history overcome to bring up citizens who play their part in society.

I see some behaviours to be assessed are crying, difficulty sleeping, temper tantrums etc. which children go through on their path through childhood.

I have seen children banging their head on the bed end for long periods of time, crying on and on for no apparent reason etc. Under this criteria it would be viewed as behaviour needing screening.

Perhaps you could explain what treatment would be given seeing that drugs are commonly the treatment given for social or behavioral problems and that the drugging of young children is already occurring on a rapidly increasing scale.

The children I saw grew out of such behaviour with the loving attention of the parents and the family doctor and grew up to be useful citizens and family members.

Therefore I am opposed to the screening of human beings at such a vulnerable part of their life span. Psychotropic drugs are very toxic and a disaster for the body and mind.