

Dear Commissioner,

14.1.20

I am a concerned mother of three beautiful sons.

What much concerns me most about this extremely alarming proposal to screen babies and children from the ages of 0 – 3 years for “mental illness” and for “emerging mental illness” is the fact that psychiatric diagnosis is a completely arbitrary process.

No test, i.e. a list of questions voted into existence, can predict future mental illness. Actually, there are no valid tests to confirm any psychiatric diagnosis.

And ask any parent, grandparent &/or great grandparent, etc. whether their babies/toddlers had ever experienced sleeping difficulties, feeding problems, crying, etc. and you will come up with a resounding, “OF COURSE”. These experiences are the norm for parents not the ABNORMAL. Drugging babies and toddlers for Normal behaviours is ABNORMAL.

I would urge you to look at the actual effects of psychiatric drugging of people to date: drug addiction, psychotic behaviours, suicidal tendencies, suicide, loss of memory, degraded motor skills and function, etc. and look beyond the rhetoric and to please investigate the facts.

Yours faithfully,

  
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PARENT