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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my views on the draft report.

I do not agree to the screening of zero to three year olds. I am a parent and hopefully a future grandparent, and I would genuinely disagree with my child or grandchild being screened. Psychiatric diagnosis is not based on real science. All their diagnoses are voted into existence and are not proven by any medical test whatsoever, ie blood test, scan etc. As my children were attending school I noticed more and more of my children's friends being labelled with ADHD purely.

based on behaviour and then being^{2.}
told that they need to be
put on Ritalin which is a Schedule
& drug. This is wrong and has
no scientific basis. ~~I~~ Children need
to be brought up with love and
care and given proper medical
treatment as necessary. It
really is not good to screen for
a voted into existence disease
which cannot be tested for
medically and then be told that
your child has a chemical imbalance
in the brain and then your child
~~to be~~ placed on a drug to
re balance the chemical imbalance
which couldn't be tested for in
the first place. This insanity
needs to stop

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As you can tell I am not a fan
of the screening of 0-3 year olds.
Children need the chance to grow
up and do not need to be
screened. The unfortunate truth
is that when a child is
diagnosed with one of these
unmedically testable diseases the
majority of the time the treatment
is drugging with often powerful
anti-depressants & antipsychotics
which have not been approved
for young children and have
severe side effects & are very
addictive. I can see screening
leading to a nation of children
being drugged unnecessarily. Please,
do not allow screening to
occur.

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I recommend that children be given normal testing of a medical nature if they are having difficulties at an early age. and parents given help with nutrition etc. For example: If a child is agitated or misbehaving there is most likely an underlying reason. ie too much sugar, worms, lead level elevated, allergies, intolerances to food colourings, preservatives etc. This is just common sense & scientific.

Screening of mental illness in 0-3 year old is just not scientific and not an option.
Thank you.

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