

11th January 2020.

Dear Commissioners of the productivity inquiry into Mental Health

I would like to express my concerns regarding the proposed screening of 0-3 year-old children for Mental Illness. I am a mother of 3, a trained Primary School Teacher and School Principal and recently a grandmother. I have been associated with babies and children for many years. Children come in all shapes and sizes. Some are loud; some are quiet; some run around, some play quietly. They mostly learn to dress themselves, go to the toilet and can learn.

Some children have problems and need help.

My concern is that every child has the capacity to be found lacking in some way, on some day, of their life.

Surely, parents, teachers and doctors are able to see a child in trouble and help them.

Please don't open the door for the over-diagnosis and unnecessary labelling and drugging of our future generations.

Yours sincerely

Claire Trafford

Teacher