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Dear Commissioners of the Productivity Inquiry into Mental Health,

I am writing to you, as a mother to express my concern about the draft report into Mental Health.

I am very concerned about the plan to screen and medicate very young children for mental illness.

My concern is that we are entering very dangerous territory we don't fully understand.

To explain: would you allow someone to operate on your heart that admitted to you they didn't fully understand how it worked?

In the same way, how can we in good conscience allow psychiatrists and psychologists to medicate our precious and beautiful children, when they admit they don't fully understand how the mind works?

Society has evolved successfully for thousands of years without the need to medicate infants. Who are we ~~as~~ as a society to interfere with the natural development of a child's mind and body?

I implore you to withdraw this screening program, our children are too precious.

Signed, CATRIONA ROSS.