As a concerned citizen, I want to say that the idea of screaming babies aged 0-3 for mental health issues is ridiculous. Honestly, can anyone say that a pre-verbal child who is crying is displaying mental health issues? Or who isn’t settling or isn’t sleeping well? There are many possible causes of this behaviour in a baby. As they cannot talk, crying is their main form of communication at this age. They may be crying to communicate that they are too hot, too cold, their clothes are too tight, their formula isn’t agreeing with their tummy, they need to burp, they have had too much milk, too little etc etc.

Perhaps the funding would be better off going to parenting education for new parents so they can be better equipped to care for their children and set them up better for a happy, healthy and productive life.