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Commission of Inquiry

Inquiry into Intentional Self-Harm and Suicide in Children

Dear Commissioner,

When my daughter _____ was fourteen, she was given “off-label” anti-psychotic medication, without any psychiatric examination, by a GP with Lexapro, an antidepressant then for her adverse reaction with an anti-psychotic, Zyprexa, with catastrophic effects.

_____ had brain injury at birth. Before any medication she had no mental illness. We

_____ went to the adolescent psychiatrist at the hospital only due to the high school requirement for school re-integration after a period of Distance Education, see report.

_____ was later treated by a child psychiatrist, _____ who has never

_____ resiled from his treatment protocol and has never apologised for the disastrous

outcome of his treatment.

Presumably, this treatment was based on Professor McGorry's notion of treatment for 'pre-psychosis syndrome'.

She had no mental illness at all until she got medication. [redacted] was an epileptic. [redacted] was not examined properly before she was treated with psychiatric medication and the medications were contraindicated. She was given Risperdal, which caused her to have sexual excitement (this is a known side effect of Risperdal), and then another doctor gave her more drugs without warning us of the possible side effects and accused us of sexually abusing her and called me chronically psychotic (having only met me for 5 minutes and never examining me). [redacted] was very suicidal on these drugs and would pace back and forth. Clearly, the drugs were of no benefit to her but the psychiatrists were offended by this idea and bought in Docs.

The Department of Community Services (DoCS) removed [redacted] from our family

until she was eighteen, on the basis that the family had concerns about the medication she was being given.

[redacted] has written up her treatment history. We tried to get [redacted] returned

to our family through the children's court, but the children's magistrate,

[redacted] didn't believe her or Dr. [redacted] instead favouring the evidence of Professor [redacted]

Dr. [redacted] also appeared for [redacted] at two mental health review tribunals. At the

first tribunal, Dr. [redacted] who was aware of [redacted] pharmacogenetics, told

the treating team to listen to her professional opinion. They took no notice

The second tribunal under Mr [redacted] the Presidential Member, refused to

hear her evidence.

My daughter is now home and is seriously cognitively impaired. Prior to being

started on this treatment, she was in the process of returning to mainstream school, she had friends and had a part-time job. After her disastrous mistreatment with psychiatric drugs, she will never work again and is unlikely to marry.

 was treated with huge doses of Zyprexa together with Risperdal. These

drugs are known to cause dementia, akathisia and chronic brain damage.

Zyprexa has never been approved for use in children.

Finally had the CYP450 test that indicated she could not metabolise the psychiatric medication and her medication was dramatically reduced and she was released home and out of hospital. A complaint was then made about Dr to the Health Care Complaints Commission. Dr. has never treated although she has done many reports. She also wrote the enclosed case vignette about history, which she intends to publish in a paper called, Can Pharmacogenetics Save Psychiatry?.

My daughter has three defective alleles, making her an extremely poor metaboliser of these drugs. It is worth mentioning that she was raped several times while she was in hospital.

I used to work for a member of parliament, but owing to the events outlined

above, I had to put work aside to care for full-time.

It would appear that whatever guidelines these doctors are working under are

absolute nonsense. I am in contact with many parents who have had similar

problems with the Department of Health.

I hope that my submission falls within your Terms of Reference. I would

recommend you take Dr. submission very seriously, because she has

been making sense of this epidemic of purported mental illness, homicide under

mental health care and suicide since 1997.

Yours sincerely,