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My name is Thomas power I am 55 years old and had undergone psychological treatment in 2000. This was purely voluntary as I had maybe 3 or 4 panic attacks thinking I was having a heart attack when in fact my mind was a little erratic . The treatment consisted of weekly meetings with counseling sessions and it was brought to my attention that antidepressants can help with my panic attacks. He said that sometimes they work sometimes they don't, so he told me I could start off with a small dose and see how it feels period on commencement I noticed my penis was numb almost insensitive. Little did I know that that was the way it was going to feel for the rest of my life. Obviously I had a high level of sensitivity perhaps too much you could say but I managed. The drug was Paxil (paroxetine) and it was an SSRI inhibitor. Who knows what it had done to me over the year of treatment I had but even after terminating consumption genital area remained dormant so to speak. It did not return to his former Lively self. I waited a year but that year turned into years has it still isn't normal. And when I have sexual encounters Unfortunately they are not what they used to be. Obviously the drug did this to me but how can I prove it. It's not something you tell your parents or anyone else has it is quite personal. Anyway the drug targeted that area and did its damage. We live with regrets and that is one of my biggest to be honest. I didn't have to take the medication as I was only having minor issues. Yet the doctor recommended the treatment.