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During early 2015, I was advised by a leading neuropsychiatrist, working in a professional capacity to the effect that all psychiatric diagnoses are arbitrary and many are misleading

James Carter and I have been involved in a mental health campaign in Scotland since 2012 regarding the harmful side effects of toxic psych meds, and a mass of information is collated on our websites and my blog. I am also the moderator of the Facebook Group Mental Health Discussions Edinburgh, which boasts over 1350 members and about 250 posts per month,

While I am a psychiatric survivor I am also an active Bayesian statistician. Given the huge amount of information available to me, I subjectively estimate that at least 20% of our population have experienced a harmful side effect from a toxic psych med. Moreover, if a person keeps taking a toxic psych med indefinitely, the person will be very likely to eventually experience a debilitating side effect, I refer to anti-depressants, anti-psychotics, mood stabilisers, and foul medications such as ritalin and adderall which are used to destroy the lives of our young and elderly alike,

I make this assessment as a Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society, a founding fellow of the International Society for Bayesian Analysis and a recently published author, who stopped taking toxic psych meds in October 2011, following a total of 16 years on them (e.g imipramine, lithium, klonopin, Epilim, Haloperidol and amisulpride). I was originally misdiagnosed as bipolar, and I was 67 before I was re-diagnosed with A.D.D, The side and withdrawal effects have been devastating to my physical health but my cognition and productivity is now better than ever as I approach the age of 70..I anticipate that my life expectancy has been reduced by the ghastly toxic psych meds by about 15 years.