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I am writing in support of this petition as this is the supposedly civilised thing to do in a civilised, democratic, accountable society. But let me tell you there is no civility or accountability in the gross harms many have suffered because of psychiatric drugs. Also what good of elected representatives if the issue is never addressed but is repeatedly brushed under the carpet.

These drugs have wrecked my life both on them and after withdrawal. What is worse I should never have been on them in the first place as my problems could and would have been resolved eventually. What sort of treatment thinks that prescribing dangerous drugs hardly tested and with unknown effects is going to help anyone.

Without wishing to sound like a conspiracy theorist sometimes it seems that mass drugging of the populace is a desired outcome as the same thing happens again and again. Antidepressants, benzodiazepines, amphetamines, barbiturates, opiates, cocaine the list goes on.

For over ten years now I have suffered from the most horrendous symptoms every second of every day with no relief at all. I have been left unemployable, I had to give up studying as a part time mature student, lost relationships and have had any semblance of normality obliterated. I am lucky in that I have a good Gp who is prepared to listen and who has been receptive to literature on this subject, but it still is no real help as nothing has helped at all with these symptoms.

I still suffer from screaming tinnitus, insomnia, pins and needles all over, burning down my spine, pelvis and down my legs into feet, akathisia, intense anxiety, panic, drug sensitivity, chemical sensitivity i.e- paint fumes, gastrointestinal issues, bladder issues, apathy, weakness, jelly legs, faintness, tingling, suicidal thoughts alien to myself and more. This is torture and everyday is a struggle to survive.

Prior to these drugs I was a healthy 28 year old man but now twenty years later I have been robbed of everything and for what? certainly not any supposed benefit.

Whilst taking them I was a different person, irritable, angry, aggressive, paranoid, violent, uncaring, insensitive and I nearly lost my family, friends and my life. Now people can see the real me again and they are in agreement that those drugs were the cause of my personality change. I began drinking and smoking heavily and taking drugs although I never touched street opiates as I had still some sense to know the outcome of that addiction, but ironically opiate withdrawal is over in a matter of weeks whereas psychiatric drug withdrawal has lasted over ten years.

Due to my behaviour I was arrested four times and spent time in prison and I have this stain on my character for life.

Much more happened whilst under the influence, yes I use that term the same way as alcohol as that is what these drugs are not medicines but mind altering drugs.

I am so angry about what has happened to me and countless others and any right and just person should be equally outraged.

This is a scandal on a grand scale and one that needs to be brought into the cold light of day.

How much is it costing the public purse, my estimation countless millions as I have estimated just myself running into hundreds of thousands of pounds when you add everything up. Drug costs, doctor visits, specialists, hospitals, prison, probation and social security benefits as an example.

How is this allowed to happen it needs to be addressed and addressed now.