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I had been put on fluoxetine for postnatal depression in 1998 and left on it for 18 years. I had strange symptoms start in 2013, stomach problems, liver pain feeling generally unwell but nothing found. My stomach pains continued intermittently over the next few years. 2015 started not being able to tolerate perfume and some medications, severe debilitating headaches still no idea that the fluoxetine could be causing it. January 2016 took bad infection that would not clear and I was reacting to all antibiotics and having severe pain in stomach and liver area until admitted to hospital for iv antibiotics. Whole body tingling after each treatment and crying for no reason. By now I realised that my symptoms were nervous system related. Body started to buzz continuously with no release from symptoms. Started to reduce my medication in July 2016 but after 4 weeks my body seemed to go into some sort of shock and I have not been able to tolerate any medications or supplements of any kind since. Very unwell with numerous symptoms. Head pain, stomach trouble, loss of taste, heightened sense of smell, numbness of body, Rapid heartrate intermittently, tinnitus, electrified sensation throughout body intermittently but had been constant for 6 months. I am told that my chemical sensitivity is my mind telling me not to take medication etc. Myself being blamed rather than what caused the problems in the first place which in my opinion was long term Fluoxetine. I am not stupid by any means and I know my own body and I know I wasn't like this before I was put on fluoxetine. I feel I have been damaged due to long term use and I fear for what is ahead of me in the future as I am so sensitive to so many things that my treatment options are limited.