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Anne Bevan submission of 15 February 2018

What is most apparent, particularly, with SSRIs is the sheer naivety of this antidepressant scandal which has affected so many people's lives.

If the numbers of prescriptions for SSRIs, benzodiazepines and other psychotropic are soaring the deal should be that doctors listen to their patients when they report severe withdrawal symptoms and they should then have a professional approach to removing from the drugs in question with tapering expertise – much advice which is now available from a growing number of sources.

But, which, doctors, seem unable to comprehend, grasp or even become interested in.

I would also add that the Royal College of Psychiatrists promote Psychotropic Drugs to children and adults without any basis to back up their claims about their effectiveness.

Indeed, the new president recently claimed in a newspaper article in an off the cuff statement that 'addiction is a mental illness'¹.

I think we can all agree that 'addiction' can be the result of not being able to stop taking these drugs because of the horrendous side effects and is in no way, shape or form, a 'mental illness'.

<http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/healthadvice/treatmentswellbeing/antidepressants.aspx>

<http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/healthadvice/parentsandyoungpeople/youngpeople/depressioninyoungpeople.aspx>

I would forward that Rcpsych are perhaps aiding the fuelling this epidemic of over prescribing with the past president continually in the media and not addressing these vital issues.

You can listen to Sir, Professor, all you like, but, he, like so many others are not addressing this and has jumped on the bandwagon of defending Pharmaceutical Companies whose only aim in life is to sell their drugs and these same companies are ruthless by masquerading as helpers to mental health.

“Parents, teachers and pressure groups – not doctors – to blame for huge rise in antidepressant and stimulant prescriptions, claims new president of Royal College of Psychiatrists”, Council for Evidence-Based Psychiatry, 21 June 2014

CEPUK.org

¹ Urgent review launched into prescription pills after figures show one in 11 people take drugs they can become addicted to, Daily Mail, 24 January 2018

If we are serious about tackling this SSRI epidemic, I would suggest eminent experts in this field:

CEPUK.org

Council for Evidence Based Medicine

Davidhealy.org

Dr. David Healy

Psychiatrist Psychopharmacologist Scientist Author

Rxisk.org

RxISK is a free, independent drug safety website to help you weigh the benefits of any medication against its potential dangers.

[SSRI Stories.org](http://SSRIStories.org)

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and many other International Experts including Professor Peter Gotzsche, Denmark, and Dr. Peter Breggin, USA.