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When things go catastrophically wrong in the psychiatric sector, like major failures linked to treatment, spin doctors make statements which include the mantra ‘lessons need to be learned.’ Based on continued year-on-year failures, it appears psychiatry isn’t learning any lessons.

The [Office for National Statistics](#) recently released figures for 2021, revealing deaths related to drug poisoning in England and Wales. While some media outlets focused on deaths related to opiates, deaths relating to psychiatric drugs and antidepressants in particular should be highlighted.

Deaths are counted when a drug is mentioned on the death certificate. The number of deaths in 2021 connected to antidepressants was 607, more than one death every day. Since 1993, the number of deaths was 13,254, which is also more than one death a day over that 28-year period.

Based on these figures, it doesn’t take a rocket scientist to realise lessons haven’t been learned. These are appalling statistics that reflect poorly upon prescribers who continue using the mantra that benefits outweigh the risks despite the fatalities.

We now know that antidepressants haven’t been resolving a so-called ‘chemical imbalance,’ so what have they been doing? The effects of antidepressant drugs are paradoxical; they include

violence, aggression, suicidal thoughts and suicidal behaviour. Psychiatrists however blame fatalities on a person's perceived mental troubles in an attempt to avoid responsibility and accountability.

It's therefore vital to inform the general public so they are aware of the damaging effects of this psychiatric prescribing habit.

Informed consent is defined as, "permission granted in full knowledge of the possible consequences, typically that which is given by a patient to a doctor for treatment with knowledge of the possible risks and benefits."

Did 13,254 people agree to take antidepressants in the full knowledge that they may as a consequence, potentially experience aggression, violence, suicidal thoughts or suicidal behaviour?

Don't be a statistic. Be fully informed about the consequences of taking psychiatric drugs.

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