

The medicalisation of childhood: Time for a paradigm shift



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Sponsor: John McDonnell MP

This event brings together the disciplines of psychology and psychiatry to debate the potential implications of the fifth revision of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM-5) on the diagnosis, treatment and intervention work with Children in the UK. The revisions have already promoted huge international debate; the US National Institute for Mental Health recently declared that they will not adopt DSM-5 due to the lack of biological validity, and concerns for the welfare of those with mental health concerns.

The Expert Panel includes

- **Professor Allen Frances**, Emeritus Professor of Dukes University, who was Chair of the DSM IV Task Force. Author of *Saving Normal*.
- **Professor Peter Tyrer**, Interim Head of the Centre for Mental Health in the Division of Experimental Medicine & Professor of Community Psychiatry at Imperial College, London.
- **Professor Simon Wessely**, Vice Dean of the Institute of Psychiatry & Chair of the Department of Psychological Medicine.
- **Professor Peter Kinderman**, Chair in Clinical Psychology at University of Liverpool, and an honorary Consultant Clinical Psychologist with Mersey Care NHS Trust.
- **Vivian Hill**, Director of Professional Educational Psychology Training at the Institute of Education, University of London, an honorary Consultant Educational Psychologist with Wandsworth Borough Council and chair of the British Psychological Society's Division of Educational and Child Psychology Medicalisation of Childhood Group.

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