

Notice of Motion – Council 26 February 2015 - Children and young people on Fluoxetine (Prozac) (Mayoral Decision)

That this Council asks the mayor to make use of the new close ties between the partners of the Health and Wellbeing Board, and the Director of Public Health and her access to both the CCG and GPs, to find out how many Bay children and young people (under the age of 18) are or have been prescribed the strong anti-depressant Fluoxetine (Prozac) and the quantities of the drug involved, and report back to Council on the following basis:

Total numbers of prescriptions (scripts) and or quantities of the drug, for each of the past three years (2011, 2012, 2013);

Numbers of children/young people prescribed Prozac by age groups (5-11 years, 12-16 years, 17-18 years);

Numbers of treatments by duration ie up to six months, up to two years, indefinitely; and

Numbers of diagnoses for each main category ie Obsessive Compulsive Disorders, Generalised Anxiety Disorder, Post Traumatic Stress Disorders.

And that the mayor calls for this information as a matter of urgency in view of the serious side effects of taking Prozac which can include:

- Suicidal thoughts
- Confusion
- Agitation
- Excessive sweating
- Seizures
- Arrhythmia
- Palpitations
- Insomnia
- Headaches
- Anxiety
- Stunted growth
- Crying

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