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A TAPESTRY OF ERRORS AND INFLUENCE

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- "ABC OF CHILD ABUSE"
- "73 MILLION TO ONE"
- "An unnatural cause has been established unless it is possible to demonstrate an alternative natural explanation'. Rushton, Cannings, Harshly criticised in Justice Judge Judgment as the first erroneous approach.
- "SHE FORCED ALL THE TABLETS DOWN HER THROAT"
- "ONE COT DEATH TRAGIC, TWO SUSPICIOUS, THREE MURDER"
- "THREE DEAD CHILDREN, NO EVIDENCE, SO ITS MSBP" DETECTIVE INSPECTOR TRAINED IN MSBP
- USE OF UNSUBSTANTIATED BUT SICKENING DETAILS TO 'MAKE THE MIND REEL' Blakemore-Brown June 1998 The Therapist P28
- "A HUNCH THAT THE PAEDIATRICIAN MAY HAVE...NOT BASED ON ANY SCIENTIFIC FOUNDATION" Professor Golding Cannings Appeal 2003
- "NO ROBUST SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL BASE" Blakemore-Brown The Psychologist September 1997 p. 393

OMISSIONS

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FACTORS WHICH DO NOT SUPPORT THEIR OPINION" (Mr Justice Cazalet Re R (1991))

- MEDICATIONS TAKEN BY CHILD AND KNOWN SIDE EFFECTS i.e. CISAPRIDE - USED FOR GASTRO-OESOPHEGAL REFLUX WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE MARKET DUE TO SERIOUS ADVERSE SIDE EFFECTS INCLUDING SUDDEN DEATH (SEE FILM)
- SIDE EFFECTS ON THE UNBORN CHILD OF ESSENTIAL EPILEPSY DRUGS TAKEN BY THE EXPECTANT MOTHER SUCH AS: TWO OR MORE AUTISTIC FEATURES, GROSS MOTOR DELAY, SPEECH DELAY, HYPERACTIVITY, BEHAVIOURAL TRAITS (MOORE ET AL 2000 SEE OVERHEADS)
- TEMPORAL RELATIONSHIP OF COT DEATH OR ONSET OF IMMUNE SYSTEM PROBLEMS TO TRIPLE VACCINES (EG: CANNINGS AND CLARK)"STILL AT FRONTIERS OF KNOWLEDGE" LORD JUSTICE JUDGE, CANNINGS APPEAL JUDGMENT 19TH JANUARY 2004

OMISSION OF EVIDENCE

- INHERITED DISORDERS
- CONGENITAL ABNORMALITIES
- VIRAL INFECTIONS
- BIRTH TRAUMA
- PREMATUREITY
- IMPORTANT TO STATE IF IT IS DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN RARE PRESENTATIONS GIVEN CURRENT KNOWLEDGE

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SOME REASONS FOR EVIDENCE BEING OMITTED,
FILES OR REPORTS REMOVED:

- THE ORIGINAL MSBP ACCUSER HAS ANOTHER AGENDA
- THE MSBP INFLUENCE HAS INCREASED THE INDEX OF SUSPICION (Watkins S.J. Response to a Case of Murder bmj.com 14th May 2002; Blakemore-Brown L.C. A Tapestry of Errors and Influence bmj.com 5th July 2003) SHOCKED AND BLINDED OTHER PROFESSIONALS TO ALTERNATIVES

MISUNDERSTANDING AND SHAPING OF EVIDENCE TO FIT THEORY

- BEHAVIOURS ASSUMED TO BE CAUSED BY ABUSE i.e. "dislike of close physical contact and cuddling because it recalls episodes of smothering", Jones and Bools (1999)
- A RANGE OF CHILD EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIOURAL DISORDERS CONTINUING EVEN AFTER REMOVAL FROM HOME, WHEN MSBP THEORY SUGGESTS THAT DIFFICULTIES WILL ABATE – INTERPRETED AS INDICATING HOW EARLY ABUSE CAN LEAD TO A LIFE TIME OF DISORDERS RATHER THAN AN ERRONEOUS DIAGNOSIS OF ABUSE.
- MOTHER BEHAVIOURS INTERPRETED AS INDICATIVE OF THE MSBP MOTHER – BUT NO RESEARCH BASE AND EASY TO ATTACH TO ANYONE i.e. are often upper class well educated persons, praise medical staff excessively, have some medical education, either formal or through self initiated study or experience, might have a history of the same illness as the victim (Artingshall 1995 – taken from a profile of MSBP offenders by the FBI – in Shattock 2001
- MOVEABLE FEAST – TWISTING OF EVIDENCE TO MAKE PICTURE FIT THE FRAME

GOSSAMER BREATH OF RUMOUR AND THE INFLUENCE OF INFALLIBLE EMINENT PROFESSIONALS

- START FROM THE WRONG PREMISE – THAT SOMEONE IS GUILTY AND MUST PROVE INNOCENCE
- SPURIOUS MOTHER PROFILE AND MISINTERPRETATION OF CHILD PRESENTATION COLOURS REASONING AND STARTS EARLY WHISPERED RUMOURS
- EMINENT PROFESSIONALS USING STATUS, SOUND BITES AND SHOCK TACTICS, AN EASY MANNER, CASUAL DELIVERY OF HORRIFIC DETAILS AND DOGMATIC STYLE INCREASE LEVELS OF TRUST AND SUGGESTIBILITY IN LOWER STATUS WORKERS/JURIES
- VAST AMOUNTS OF PAPERWORK IMPLYING GUILT
- LARGE NUMBERS PRESENT AT CASE CONFERENCE TO EMPHASISE ASSUMED GUILT AND SERIOUSNESS AND INCREASE INFLUENCE OF THE SUPERIOR `CONSULTANT` WHO IS UNLIKELY TO BE CHALLENGED (Government Guidelines)

GOSSAMER BREATH OF RUMOUR AND THE INFLUENCE OF INFALLIBLE EMINENT PROFESSIONALS

- EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES (Charles Pragnell)
- MUNCHAUSEN LENSES (Lisa Blakemore-Brown)

Once wearing the lenses (influenced by the phenomena) the duped professional is blinded to the truth and can't see what is staring him in the face and what his training has taught him.

DISMISSAL OF ANY ALTERNATIVE EXPERT OPINION AND DENIGRATION OF OTHER EXPERTS

- POWERFUL PHENOMENON LEADING – IN THE PAST- TO JUDGES PREFERRING MSBP OPINION EVEN WHEN IN MINORITY
- TRASHING OF EXPERTS – IN THE PAST - OFFERING ALTERNATIVE OPINIONS – EXTENDING BEYOND THE CASE - WHY???

COGNITIVE DISTORTIONS AND WITCH HUNTS

- EVERY ACTION/TYPE OF RESPONSE CAN BE TWISTED TO INDICATE GUILT
- DENIAL = GUILT
- ADMITTING = GUILT

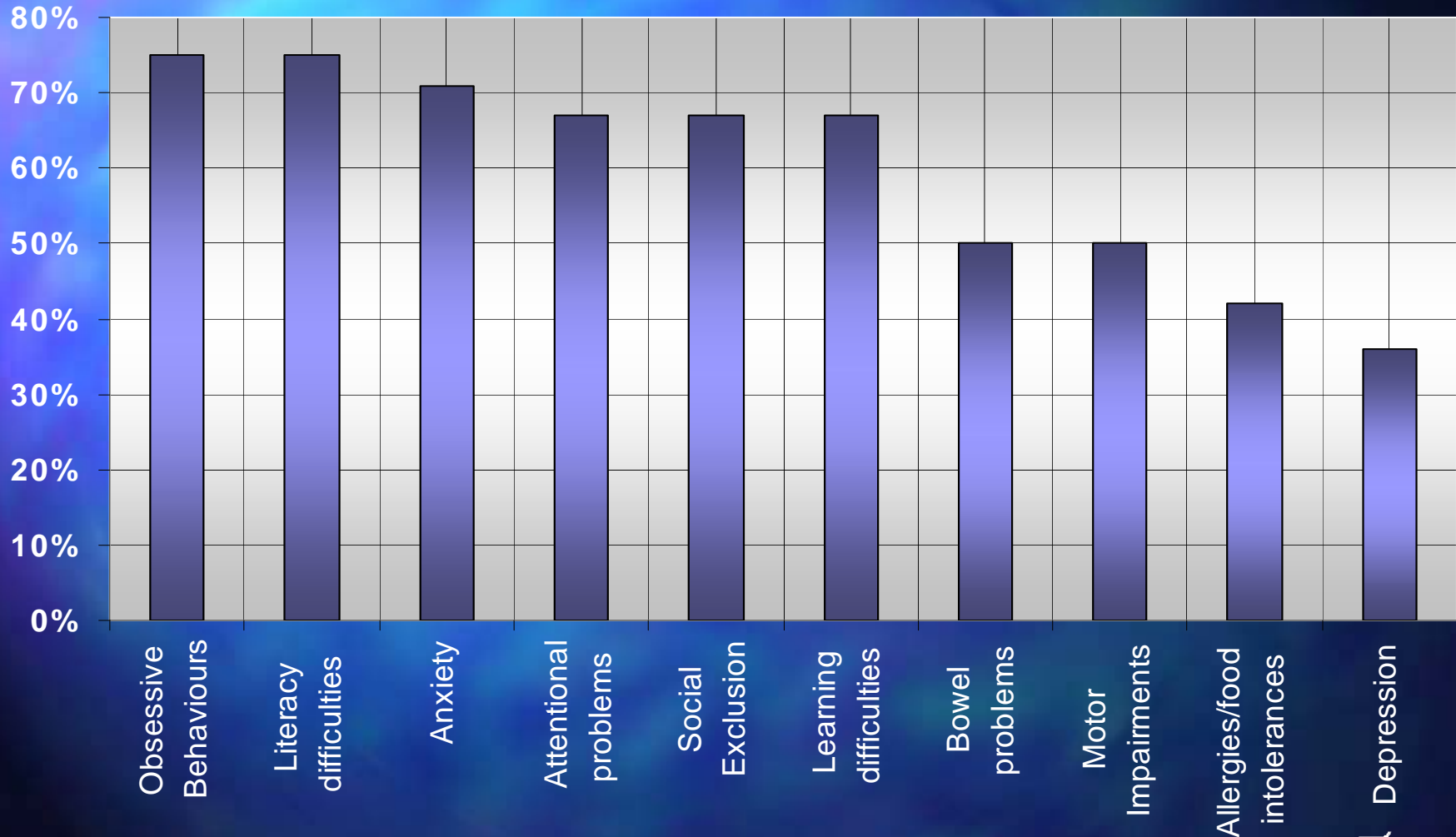
SYSTEM ABUSE OF CHILDREN

- FALSE ACCUSATIONS LEAD TO WRONGFUL REMOVAL – STATE KIDNAPPING
- IF MSBP IS APPLIED INSTEAD OF RECOGNISING REAL ILLNESS/DISORDER A CHILD WILL NEVER HAVE THEIR PROBLEMS UNDERSTOOD OR THEIR NEEDS MET – CHILDREN CAN DIE AND SUFFER

DESTRUCTION OF PRINCIPLES OF TRUST, SCIENCE AND LAW

- MSBP REMOVES ALL TRUST – WE ARE INVITED TO DISTRUST THE KINDEST BEHAVIOURS AND TO VIEW GOOD AS EVIL – ONE ACCUSED MOTHER SAID `They make mother sound like a dirty word`.
- MSBP RESISTS ALL CHALLENGES MAKING IT UNSCIENTIFIC AND SHEER SPECULATION
- `INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY` - MSBP TURNS THIS ON ITS HEAD
- CIRCULAR ARGUMENTS PREVENT ANYONE FROM PROVING INNOCENCE
- THE DRACONIAN OUTCOMES – CHILDREN REMOVED FOREVER, IN PRISON FOR LIFE - DEMAND THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF PROOF
- TRASHING OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES FOR THE DEMONISED ACCUSED

Tapestry Impairments of children in sample of 22 British families



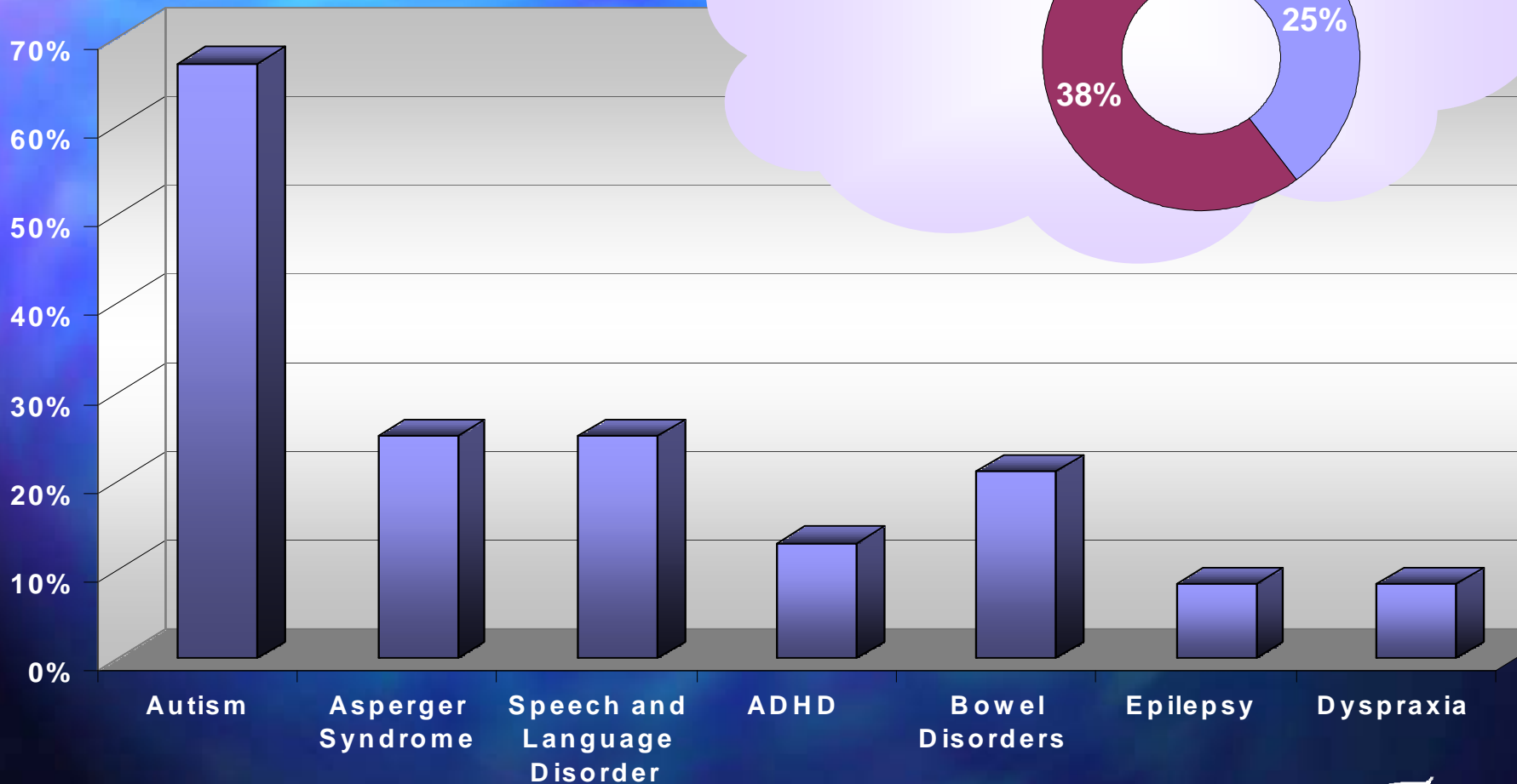
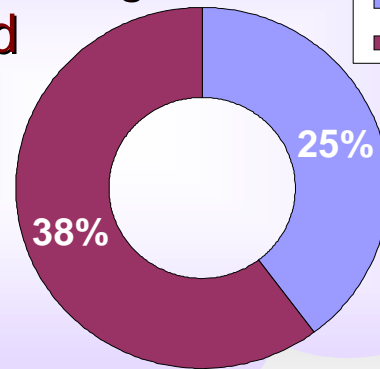
Pre-existing susceptibilities

- 28% of the babies were in SCBU's
- 13% were prescribed essential medications for epilepsy during pregnancy

Diagnosis

Time taken to get Diagnosed

■ 2-3 years
■ 4 years and Over



Effects on Parents

