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This is the story of a CONTROLLING mother who has DESTROYED the lives of many trans kids, including potentially, her own.

And all based on ASSUMPTIONS of @TaviAndPort, a service she's not yet entered!■

Her prejudice goes 'mask off' in this article...
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'I went behind my 16-year-old autistic daughter's back to stop the Tavistock clinic giving her puberty blocking drugs': Mother explains why she HAD to fight for momentous legal victory

First up, my heart goes out to ‘Angela’s’ child. It is exactly *because* of parents like this, that Gillick exists - to allow young people body autonomy and agency over their own lives SEPARATE from controlling parents!

But while others celebrated, mother- of-three Angela, whose name we have changed for legal reasons, kept her profound sense of relief very much under wraps.

For what few have known until now is that her daughter is unaware she was at the centre of the landmark case – and that her mother has no intention of telling her.

She’s right - she absolutely HAS taken away her child’s rights. Not only that, she’s also taken away the rights of THOUSANDS of other children and their parents to make choices about what’s right for them!

And all because she can’t handle the thought of her child being trans.

Last night in an exclusive interview with The Mail on Sunday, Angela said: ‘I know some people – especially as this issue is so toxic – will think it was wrong not to tell my daughter what was going on and that I have somehow taken away her rights. But I am her mother and she is a child, a child with Asperger’s, so I firmly believe it was my duty as a parent to fight to protect her.

‘Angela’ doesn’t give a damn about the rights of parents! If she did, she wouldn’t have taken away the rights of parents SUPPORTING their trans kids! ■

What about those parents? The ones who have sat on suicide watch while their child counts the days to getting medical help?



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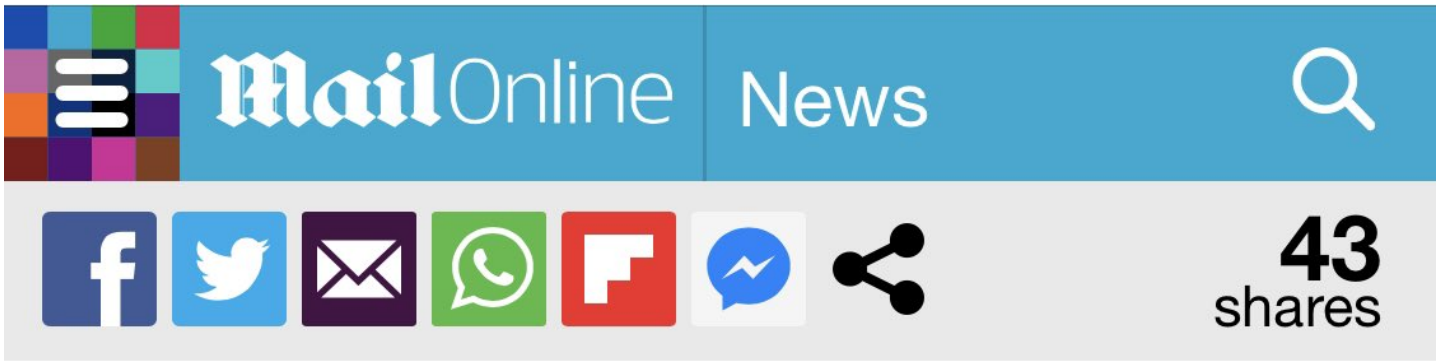
Let’s be absolutely clear here - The reason she didn’t tell her child, is because she knows it would absolutely DESTROY her relationship with them. She wanted to go behind their back to exert CONTROL over her nearly adult child, who legally had autonomy over their own body!



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Let’s put this another way - Should ‘Mrs A’ have the right to STOP her child from having an abortion without her consent under the age of 18?

After all, having a child is MASSIVELY life-changing.

Should she have the ‘right’ to force her child to HAVE an abortion???

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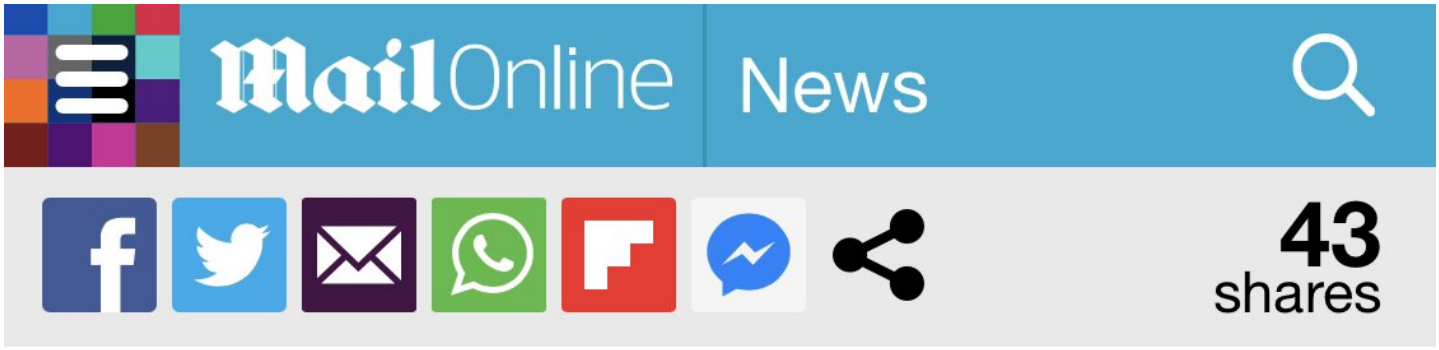
Not only did ‘Mrs A’ want to stop her own child from getting internationally endorsed medical intervention, she weaponised them in order to stop THOUSANDS of distressed trans kids from getting the same.

Be in no doubt, this was a move to enforce her own ideology on others!



The Tavistock, formally known as the Gender Identity Development Service (GIDS), is Britain's biggest transgender clinic for children. Over the past five years it has seen almost 11,500 children with 'gender dysphoria' – meaning a distressing mismatch between their birth sex and the person they feel they are. The number referred annually has risen from 97 in 2009 to 2,728 last year.

The galling thing about all of this is that 'Angela' doesn't *know* what would've happened in the @TaviAndPort clinic, as her child is STILL ON THE 2 YEAR LONG WAITING LIST!!!

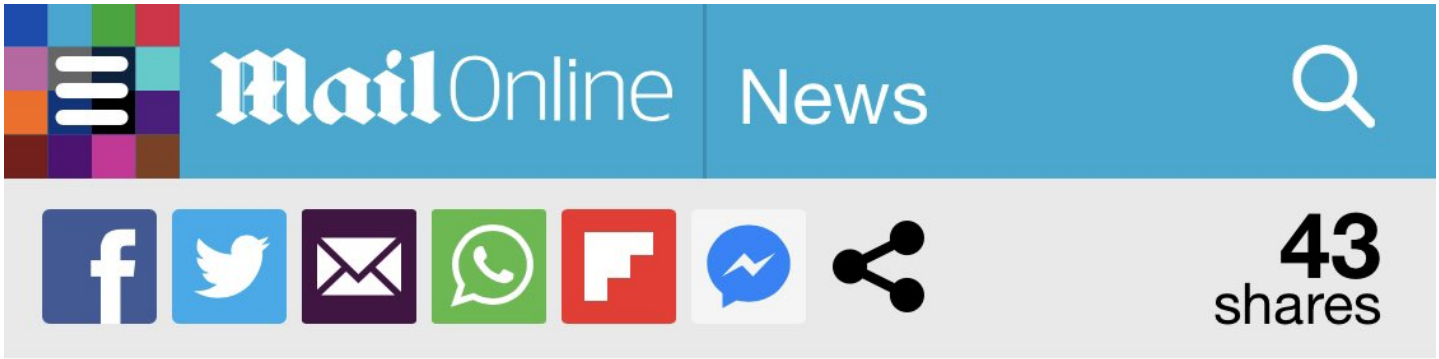
Her information is clearly taken from transphobic echo chambers full of hyperbole and lies! ■



There is so much to unpack here...

Surely any parents job is to give their children the skills to make their own 'good' choices in life. Part of that is recognising that what is 'good' for YOU, might not be 'good' for them!

Parents do not 'own' their children!!!



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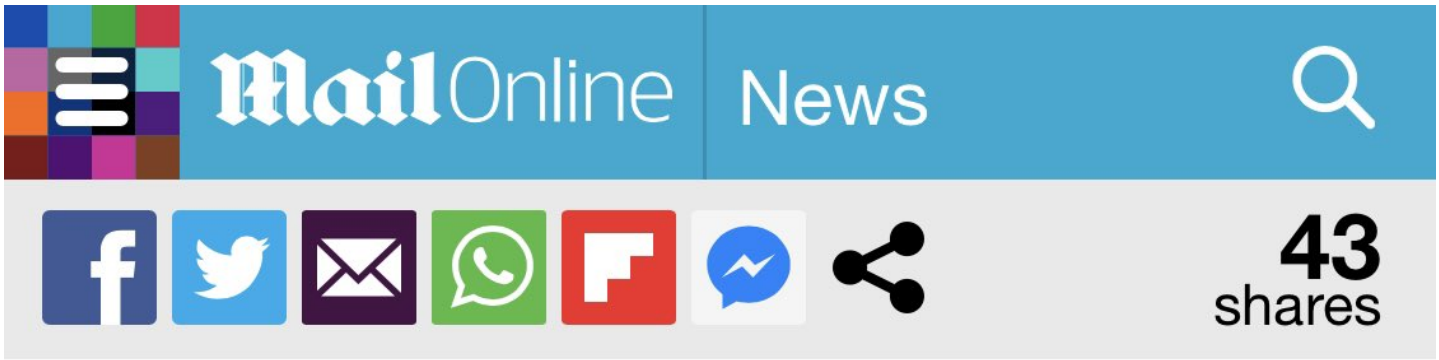
What ‘Mrs A’ also fails to acknowledge is that by forcing her child -and now, all other trans kids - to go through an unwanted puberty, she is taking away the ‘choice’ for them to avoid future surgeries & denying them the ‘choice’ to go through life without being visibly ‘outed’.



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‘Mrs A’ is blatantly ignoring the FACT that fertility preservation is offered BEFORE anyone is prescribed hormones.

There are now also MULTIPLE instances of trans men who have previously taken testosterone, having healthy babies.

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‘Mrs A’ also ignores the fact that most trans men identify as heterosexual (attracted to women), in which case having ‘biological children’ is not a given.

If her child is trans male & gay (attracted to men), then it’s entirely feasible to have bio kids
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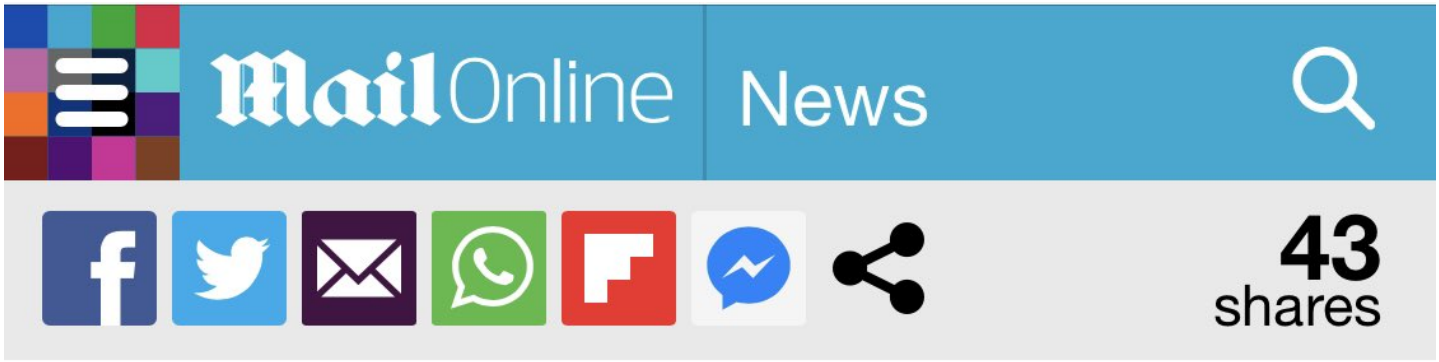
Although the literature indicates that most trans men identify as heterosexual,[18][19] their attraction can vary. Author Henry Rubin wrote that "[i]t took the substantial efforts of Lou Sullivan, a gay FTM activist who insisted that female-to-male transgender people could be attracted to men."[17] Matt Kailey, author of *Just Add Hormones: An Insider's Guide to the Transsexual Experience,*[20] recounts his transition "from 40-something straight woman to the gay man he'd always known himself to be."[21] Researchers eventually acknowledged the existence of this phenomenon, and by the end of the 20th century, psychiatrist Ira Pauly wrote, "The statement that all female-to-male transgender are homosexual [Pauly means attracted to women] in their sexual preference can no longer be made."[22]

The irony of 'Mrs A's' comment - Due to her selfish actions, THOUSANDS of trans kids and their parents now have to stand by and watch as their future is changed for ever!

And all based on her ASSUMPTION about how @TaviAndPort operate!!! ■■■



‘I’d have been forced to stand by and watch as her future was changed for ever.’

She continued: ‘I am convinced the Tavistock wouldn’t have tried to dissuade her from going on puberty blockers. They would have affirmed her belief in being trans.

If ‘Mrs A’ had actually experienced the @TaviAndPort process, she would have found that far from being easy, that there are MANY obstacles to overcome before trans kids are able to access puberty blockers - As this thread - from someone who KNOWS - details ■■ https://t.co/IOO0DOBugu

> Once referred to @TaviAndPort endocrine services, Kiera would have had several appointments with a Consultant Endocrinologist - One of those appointments would have required both her and her parents to sign a consent form, which details all of the potential side-effects of HRT...
>
> — Helen\U0001f3f3\ufe0f\u200d\u26a7\ufe0f\U0001f91d\U0001f495 (@mimmymum) October 10, 2020

So basically, because a parent has received letters that respect her child’s wishes over her own, and are unwilling to to side with her transphobic notions of ‘social contagion’, she’s taken out legal action against them! ■■

‘I know that because by the third letter we had from the clinic, they were already referring to her by her chosen male pronouns, having never even met her.’

Angela secretly joined the legal action because she thought her daughter, whom we are calling Kate, had been swept up in a fervent but ultimately mistaken teenage belief she was really a boy – egged on by YouTube videos and ‘echo chamber’ social-media forums.

It’s obvious that ‘Mrs A’s’ child at the age of 16, is still questioning their gender after ‘coming out’ at age 11.

‘Mrs A’ clearly doesn’t want her child to be trans, so she is doing everything in her power to covertly impose her will.

This is conversion therapy by deception!

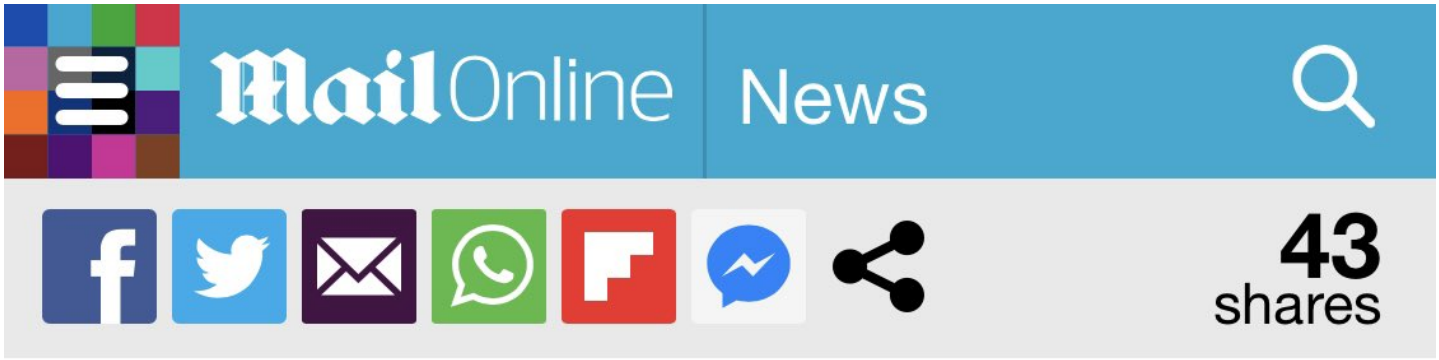


Her comments “blaming” her child’s gender identity questioning on autism is a tactic used by anti-trans campaigners to try and infantilise trans people and remove their autonomy over their own lives.



Again, a reminder that ‘Mrs A’ HAS NO EXPERIENCE OF THE TAVISTOCK AND IS BASING HER KNOWLEDGE ON HEARSAY AND TRANSPHOBIC HYPERBOLE!

It also sounds very much that what she actually wants the @TaviAndPort to do is perform conversion therapy on her child! ■



She feared the Tavistock would never have explored these complex issues using psychotherapy – and would have resorted to a medical ‘fix’ instead.

‘Angela’ then spouts a whole load of sexist stereotypes...

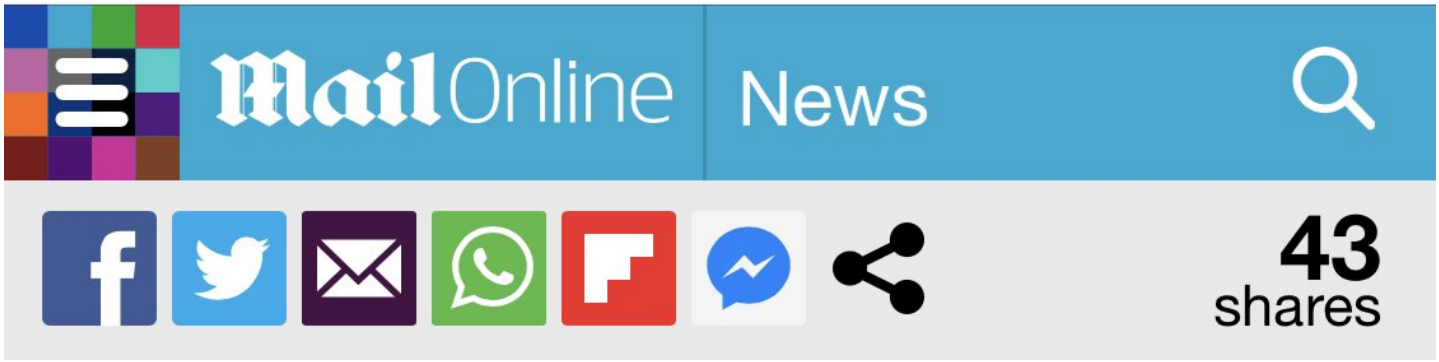
On the one hand her “daughter” played with “boyish things” as a child but then turned to “stereotypically female” things as they got older.

Surely she knows that gender expression is separate from gender identity?

Recalling Kate's childhood, Angela said: 'She always gravitated towards boys, as many girls on the autistic spectrum do. Boys are much simpler than girls, don't play emotional games and are more fun. She's always been a thrill-seeker. She loved playing football, and being outside, and was always full of derring-do. She loved that she could beat boys to the top of the tree.'

Yet as a young girl, Kate never expressed the belief she was male or unhappiness at being a girl, emphasised Angela. She loved her long hair, enjoyed stereotypically female hobbies such as drawing and regularly got dressed up 'head to foot in pink, prancing around in dresses'.

It's been cited again and again by trans adults that a common time that they realised they were trans was when their body started changing in puberty... about the time children move to secondary school! ■



But the move to secondary school, with its widening gulf between boys and girls, left her socially adrift. ‘She started spending more and more time online, being who she could invent herself to be,’ said Angela.

A kid questioning their gender / sexuality / whatever seeks out information and support to find out more and to better understand themselves, so as not to feel so alone and shit!

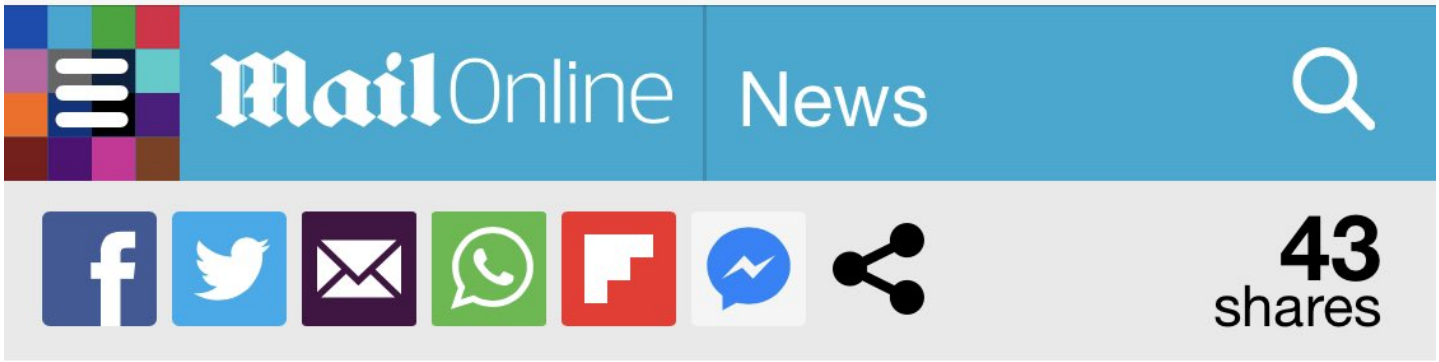
And this is bad, why? ■■■■■

Clearly ‘Angela’ would rather her child was isolated, uninformed & alone!

First came ‘endless’ YouTube videos about blockers, cross-sex hormones, chest binders, ‘top surgery’ and ‘bottom surgery’. Then she became addicted to transgender chat groups on Reddit.

Angela said: ‘She was looking at all these videos saying how wonderful it was to take testosterone – how much better they felt. And, of course, with YouTube’s algorithms, once you look at one of these videos, they suggest another similar one to watch. And another. And another.

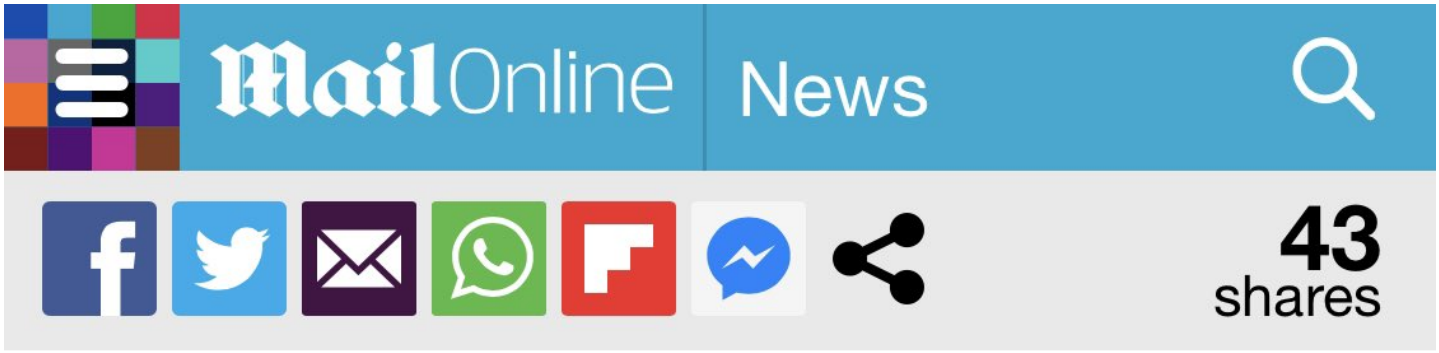
‘Angela’ went to court to argue that under 18’s couldn’t possibly understand the implications of being trans, yet she admits that her own child AT THE AGE OF 11 was fully informed, including full knowledge of possible surgical procedures!!!



Kate's knowledge about all things trans became encyclopaedic. 'At 11 she told me what a phalloplasty [a procedure to create a penis] was,' said Angela. 'I was gobsmacked.'

'Angela' is (expectedly) twisting the truth...

1. There is no "trans orthodoxy"
2. Children aren't "encouraged" to "denounce their parents
3. However, if a child *is* experiencing abuse at home, wouldn't it be prudent to suggest they get help / get away from it? ■



But the forums brooked ‘no deviation at all’ from a stringent trans orthodoxy which encouraged children to denounce their own parents. Angela said: ‘If parents don’t support their child 100 per cent [in their aim to be trans], they are automatically painted as evil bigots. Children are told, “You need to get out of the house, live somewhere else. Cut anybody out of your life who isn’t totally behind you.”

Let’s not pretend that all parents are good parents - some can be physically and psychologically abusive!

Unfortunately, instances of abuse towards children displaying gender nonconformity or gender questioning behaviour is still unacceptably high. ■

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Homophobic, transphobic parents make abusive homes. Let's help LGBT kids get out

Jessica Valenti



So, ‘Mrs A’s’ child tells her she’s trans, so what does ‘Mrs A’ do...

Cut off access to any support, then take the ONLY NHS clinic that can help her child to court in order to make ABSOLUTELY SURE her child can’t get treatment!!! ■■■

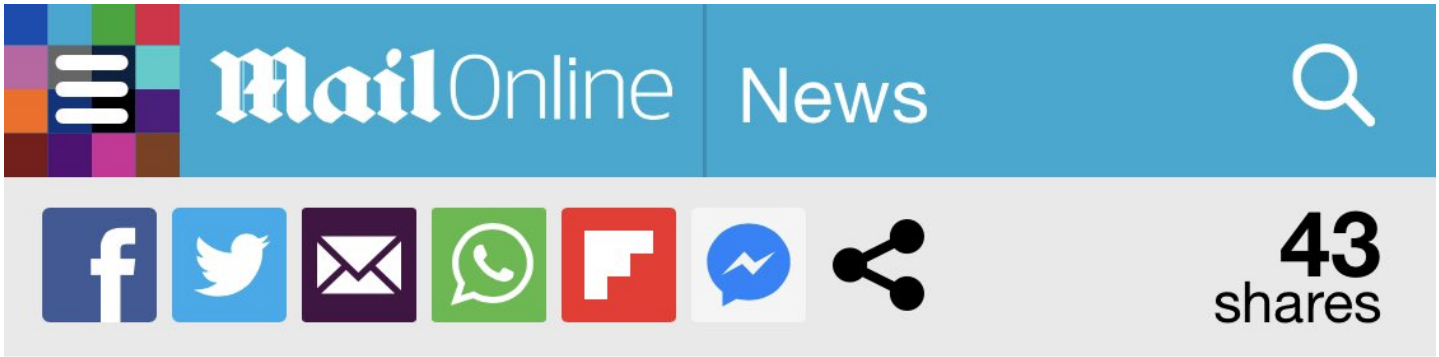
Kate's parents installed internet filters but trans material 'kept slipping through'.

It was against this backdrop – and deep unhappiness at school, where she was lonely – that Kate cut her hair short, demanded a boy's uniform and took on a male name.

She told her parents: 'My life would be easier if I was a boy, because then boys wouldn't see me as a girl – they'd see me as one of them. I don't want to be a girl any more – I want to be a boy.'

Again, more confirmation that 'Angela' is only willing to listen to her child, just so long as her child says what 'Angela' wants to hear!

Imagine her child saying "I'm gay, I've always felt it", and 'Angela' saying "No you're not, stop rewriting history!"... It's no different!



Kate told the GP she had felt male ‘for as long as I can remember’ – a claim that left Angela winded.

‘It was terrifying, this wholescale rewriting of her personal history, amid an atmosphere in which your child apparently knows themself better than anyone else does,’ she said.

‘I’m all for giving children a voice, but adults have to interpret that voice, not just take what they say at face value.’

Another reminder: ‘ANGELA’ HAS NO DIRECT EXPERIENCE OF THE TAVISTOCK CLINIC, BUT TOOK THEM TO COURT TO STOP THEM TREATING HER CHILD BECAUSE OF “CONCERNS”*

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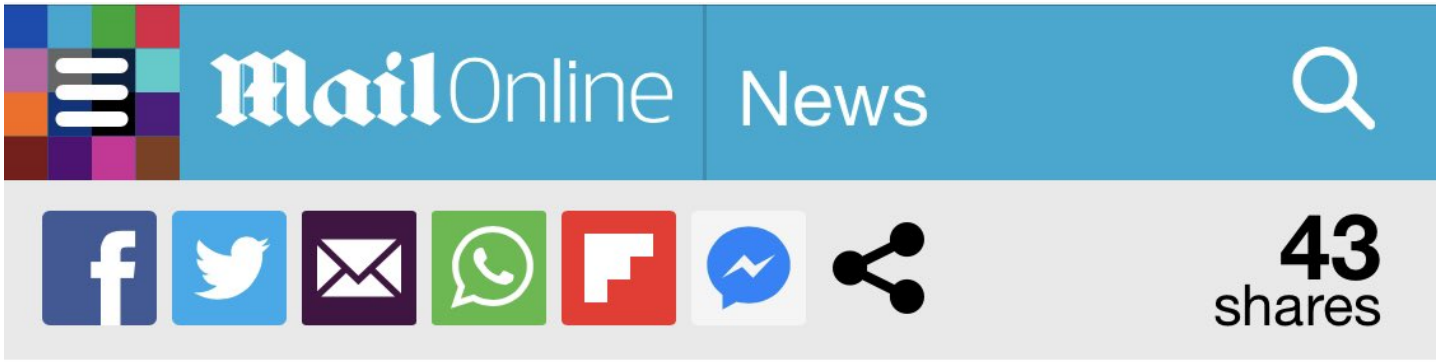


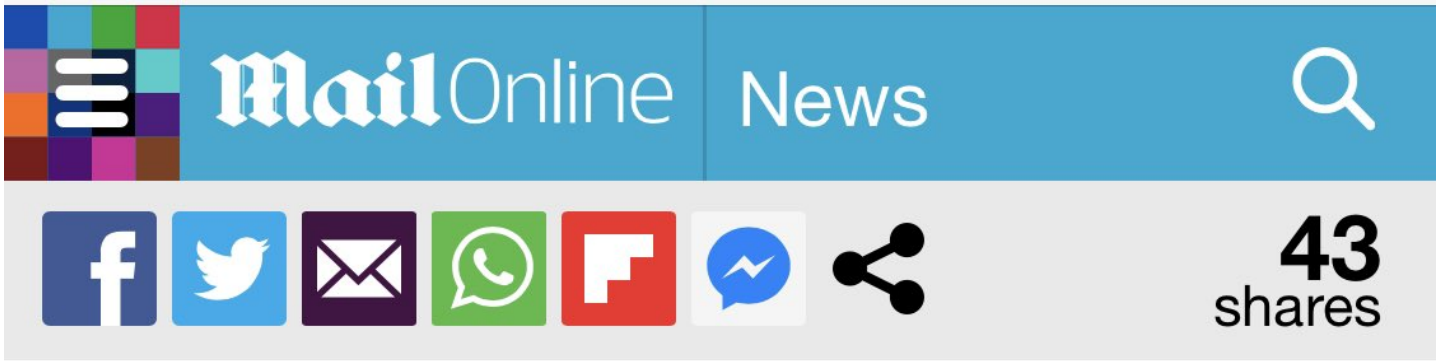
The referral was approved. Due to ballooning demand for transgender treatment from children – especially girls like Kate – she is still waiting.

In the meantime Angela decided to look into the Tavistock, talked to countless parents in a similar situation, and spoke to adults who had undergone full medical transition. The more she learned, the more concerned she became. Last December she joined the judicial review as a claimant, believing it was her best shot at restraining her daughter from a course of action she would live to regret.

Because we should *absolutely* ban everyone from having “life changing” abortions because ONE person regrets it! ■

Let’s also ignore the FACT that Keira Bell CONTINUED to CONSENT to transition procedures as an ADULT!

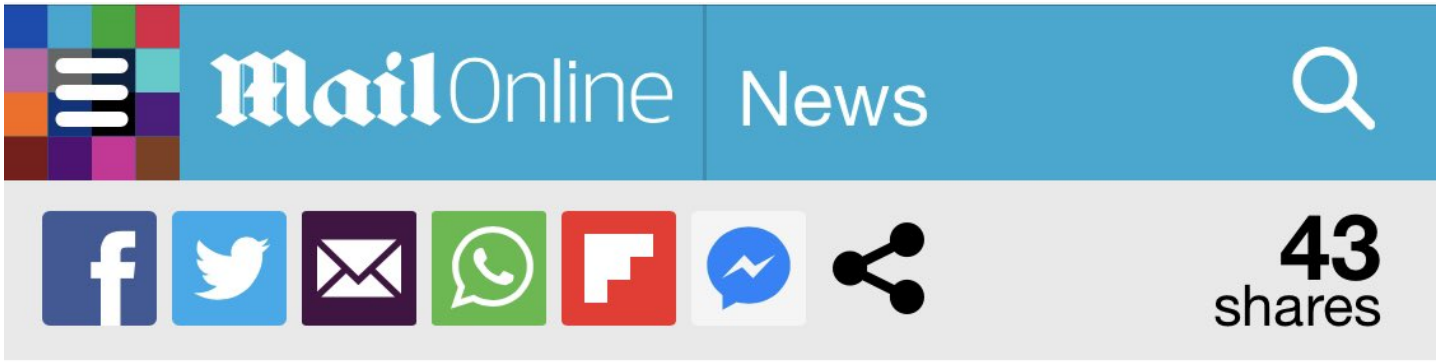
This is NOT reason to remove treatment from ALL trans kids!



She was later joined by a co-claimant, Keira Bell, now 23, who underwent testosterone therapy and later had a double mastectomy, after first seeing clinicians at the Tavistock who put her forward for puberty blockers aged 16.

Ms Bell deeply regrets her transition and has reverted to living as a woman. Angela said Ms Bell was proof the Tavistock's clinicians can get it wrong about who will benefit from medical treatment.

Let's be absolutely clear here - 'Mrs A' took the @TaviAndPort to court because she not only wanted to push her anti-trans 'gender critical' beliefs on her own child, but also impose her ideology on EVERYONE ELSES TRANS CHILDREN TOO!!!



She continued: ‘I did this to safeguard Kate’s long-term future. But it was also a question of medical ethics. There is an absolute crisis in a service that is supposed to be doing good, helping kids.’

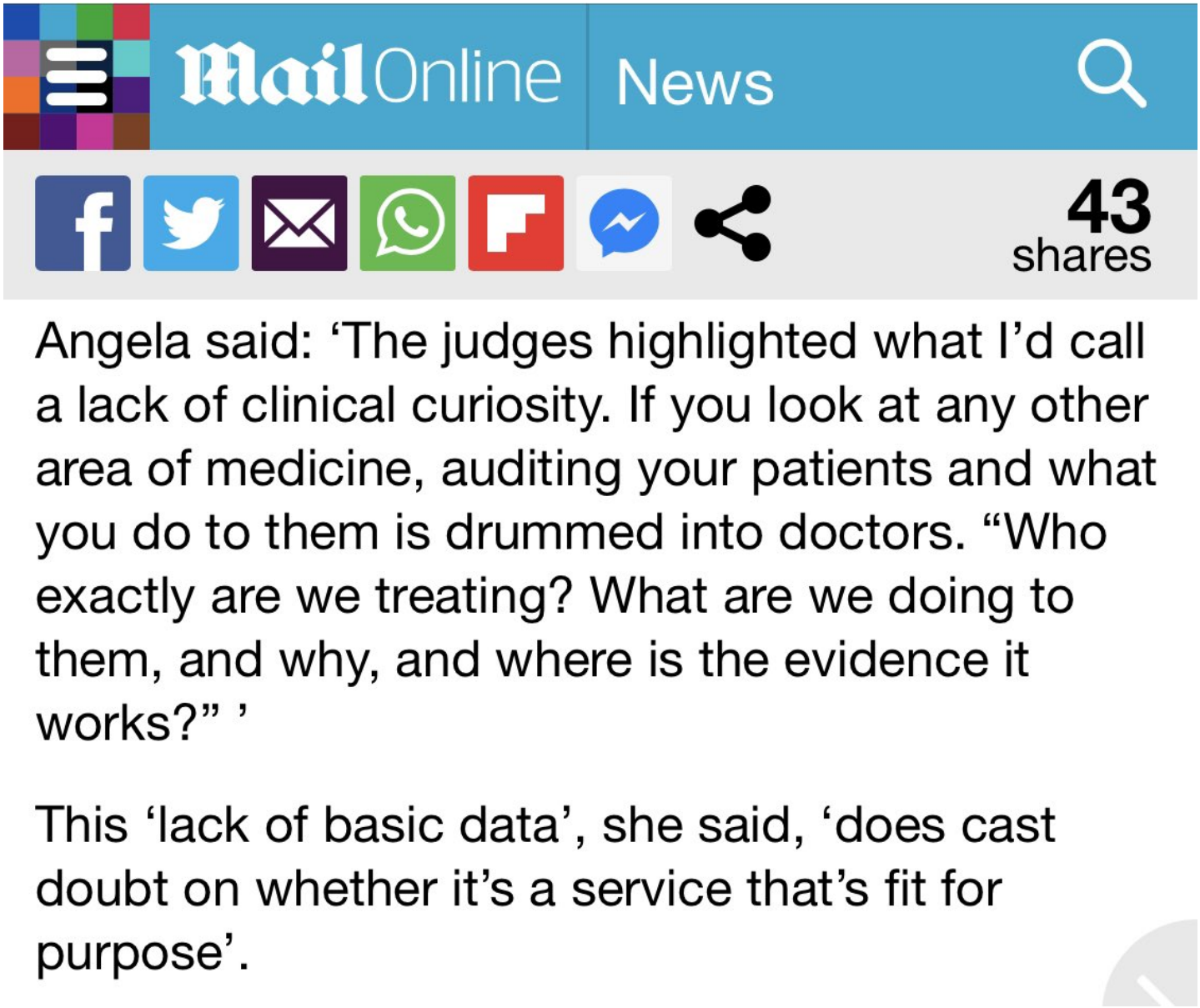
This moves to another issue... The failing of GIDS in keeping robust data - This is not disputed, and was one of the MANY reasons why @Mermaids_Gender & @stonewalluk sought to intercede in the court case - So that they could contribute some of the EXTENSIVE international data!



In their ruling, the judges repeatedly expressed their ‘surprise’ at the GIDS’s lack of data on patients and what happened to them, and described their use of puberty blockers as ‘experimental’.

Unlike ‘Angela’ who jumped to take the Tavi to court, I’ve actually got first-hand experience and have spoken with their clinicians.

1. One criticism by parents whose kids are treated by GIDS, is that they’re often seen through a lense of “clinical curiosity”



This comment also ignores the practical fact that the Tavi have been dealing both with a massive rise in referrals AND an uptick in dealing with trans-hostile lobbying - both which impact the opportunity for research.

Angela said: ‘The judges highlighted what I’d call a lack of clinical curiosity. If you look at any other area of medicine, auditing your patients and what you do to them is drummed into doctors. “Who exactly are we treating? What are we doing to them, and why, and where is the evidence it works?” ’

This ‘lack of basic data’, she said, ‘does cast doubt on whether it’s a service that’s fit for purpose’.

AGAIN ‘Angela’ has absolutely NO IDEA how the Tavi would respond, because SHE’S NEVER HAD ANY APPOINTMENTS WITH THEM!

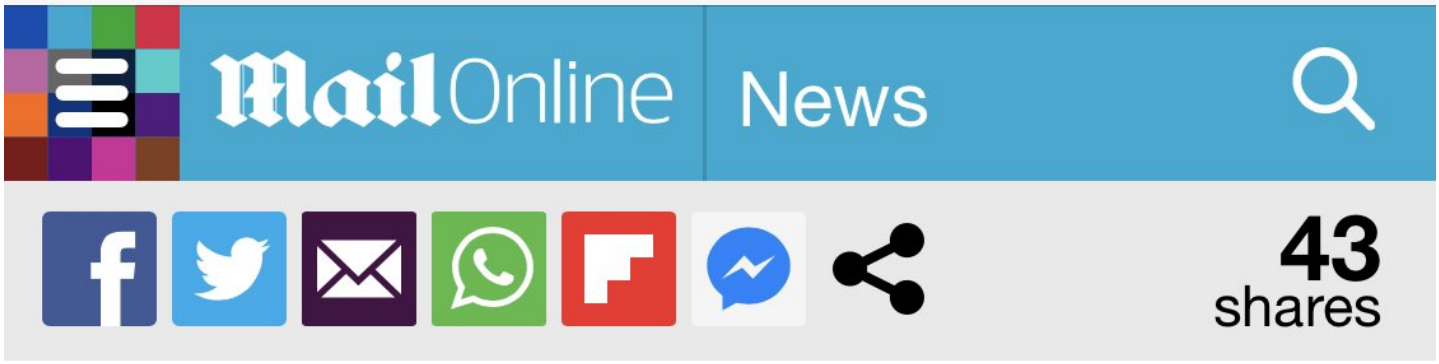
Her assumptions are based on misinformation and rhetoric gleaned from the transphobic echo chambers she occupies! ■

She hoped the ruling would encourage staff to open up the conversation. ‘I’m hoping it will mean they are more able to listen to parents who say, “There’s more to my child’s issues than innate gender identity – there are more factors at play here.” They should listen to such parents, without dismissing them as unaccepting, bigoted, transphobic.’

A reminder: Angela’s’ child told her they were trans at 11. They’re now 16. Does she *really* think her teen will ‘change their mind’ in the next 2 years?

Also, the legal ruling states 16+ year olds can still consent to blockers!

All she’s done is stop OTHER kids getting care!



Angela repeated that she would support Kate if she still wanted to transition at 18 – and hoped by that time her daughter would have the maturity to make 'an objective rather than an emotional or impulsive decision'.

As always with the blatantly biased trans-hostile Daily Mail stories, the ACTUAL FACTS are relegated to a tiny paragraph at the bottom of the article! ■ ■■■■■■



'Only a minority of patients – 16 per cent of those discharged in 2019/20 – go on to a physical intervention pathway and the service always seeks to work with the support of parents and carers where such a path is considered.'

This is yet ANOTHER trans-hostile article from the - without exception - transphobic UK mainstream media, based on lies, hyperbole, and the platforming of those with bigoted ideological views! ■

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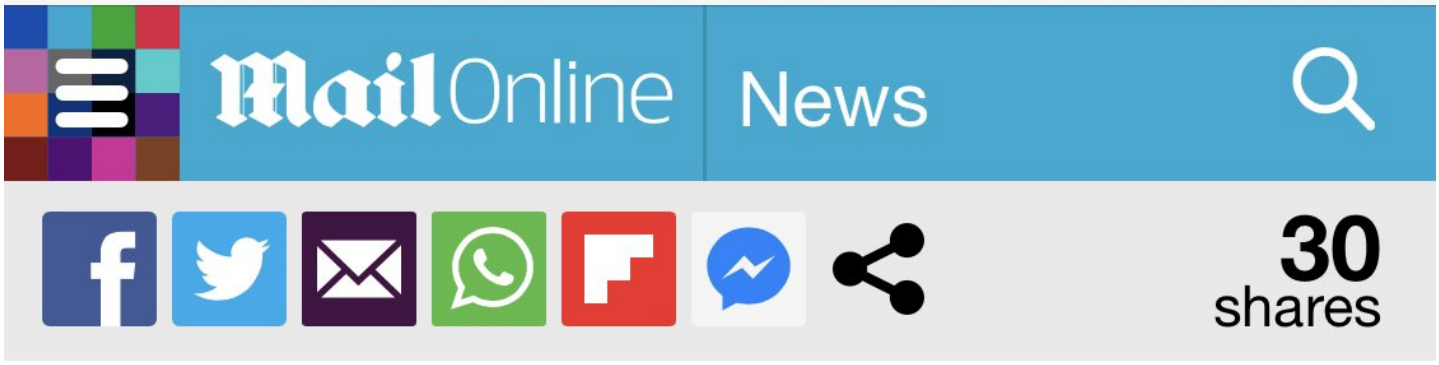

'I went behind my 16-year-old autistic daughter's back to stop the Tavistock clinic giving her puberty blocking drugs': Mother explains why she HAD to fight for momentous legal victory

■■ It's just been flagged to me that in Section 89 of the Judgement Bell v Tavistock it states that Mrs A child hasn't been referred to GIDS.

It appears that 'Angela' is lying. She didn't refer the child & there was no letter from GIDS with male pronouns! ■

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89. The second claimant, Mrs A, is the mother of a 15 year old girl who has ASD. The daughter has a history of mental health and behavioural problems. She "*is desperate to run away from all that made her female*" and has been referred to CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services). Mrs A is very concerned that her daughter would be referred to GIDS and prescribed PBs. However the daughter has not currently been referred to GIDS and having regard to the defendant's current practice, would not meet the criteria for PBs because her parents would not support that treatment. Mrs A's interest in this action is therefore largely theoretical.