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This is big. Seems the Sunday Times had to win court approval to publish. Here's the evidence provided by the experts to the court in the Keira Bell case.

"Gillberg said there was “growing anecdotal evidence that many would regret their decision to undergo the biological sex change”. Doctors should tell families that they were “dealing with a live experiment on adolescents and children”."

Gillberg: “Thousands of adolescents are being offered ‘treatment’ with puberty blockers, sex-contrary hormones, and then, finally for some, with a variety of surgical procedures...

... In the UK as in Sweden, this is in spite of the non-existent research evidence that these treatments are of any long-term benefit to the young people in question,” he said.

"Gillberg, who is also chief physician at Queen Silvia Children’s Hospital in Gothenburg, is on a list published by the media group Thomson Reuters of the most cited and influential researchers."

Professor Sophie Scott, director of UCL’s Institute for Cognitive Neuroscience, told the court that “puberty blockers have profound effects on the developing body, and as part of the changes seen in adolescence involve hormonal effects on brain function, ...

... the impact of these drugs on the brain maturation are likely to be deleterious”. She said she was “concerned that the current treatment regime is exposing young people to significant risk of harm."

"Stephen Levine, professor of psychiatry at Case Western Reserve University in Ohio, who specialises in sex therapy and has treated transgender patients for the past 40 years in America, gave evidence that it was medically impossible to turn a girl into a boy and vice versa...

... Many transgender people, he said, had sexual difficulties and suicide rates were high."

Levine also told the court that because trans activists attacked critics as transphobic, few dared speak out. He said: “Critical and cautious voices are shouted down as transphobic, hateful and engaging in conversion therapy....

... Such a climate has created an intimidating and hostile environment where silence and acquiescence are the inevitable consequence. It is left to those of us at the end of our careers, who have nothing to lose, to voice our concerns.” (Oh well done, Levine.)

John Whitehall, professor of paediatrics at Western Sydney University in Australia, another expert witness, said that information given to families attending the Tavistock clinic “does not appear to share with confused children and their parents and carers ...

"... the statistical assurance that almost all confused children will revert to an identity congruent with chromosomes through puberty, that ‘puberty blockers’ and cross-sex hormones have structural effects on the brain..."

...and the warning that the rate of suicide in adults is significantly higher after transgendering.”

And then the Sunday Times did their due diligence and got a quote from the Tavistock which is word salad nonsense so I won't bother reposting.