EDUCATION URGENTLY NEEDED

During question time in the Irish legislature recently, a TD (Irish member of Parliament), did put a question to the Minister for Health if he will provide the details of parental alienation syndrome; if it is recognised here; if there are plans regarding same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin T.D.

REPLY.

Parental Alienation Syndrome is not included as a diagnostic entity in the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) or the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) and as such it would be inappropriate for me to comment on its authenticity.

TERMINOLOGY v TERMINOLOGY

“Slims” or “Rapid Slimming Illness” is not recognised as such in any medical manual. A condition with the same signs, symptoms and diagnosis is recognised as “AIDS” or “Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome”. Does this mean that a person originally diagnosed with “Slims” is not seriously ill and should not receive treatment?

The CFA (ex HSE Children services) recognised “Child Psychological Abuse” as a serious issue even though it was not listed in DSM untill DSM5.

PA. and P.A.S.

A short description - Parental Alienation is the act of alienation. Parental Alienation Syndrome is a combination of psychological effects, under different namings, that develop in the child.

PARENTAL ALIENATION - DSM5 and ICD9/10

The words “Parental Alienation” is not in DSM5 or ICD but the spirit is. In stead of one specific description the numerous foundations of P.A.S. is documented.

The Courts recognises the welfare of the child as the main factor therefor the selection of DSM / ICD codes under the ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences) heading is applicable. (Only the main codes are mentioned here. See detailed PAAA document elsewhere that will include other documented effects and co-effects).

Emotional Abuse - Adult PAS Children
V15.42 (Z62.811) past history
V61.21 (Z69.010)(Z69.020) Parent or non parent
V15.49 (Z91.49) History of trauma

Emotional Abuse - PAS Children
995.51 (T74-32**) Child Psychological Abuse - Contacts
V61.21 (Z69.010) Psychological abuse by parent
V61.21 (Z69.020) Psychological abuse by non-parent
V15.49 (Z91.49) Other Psychological Trauma

Emotional Neglect- Adult PAS Children
V61.20 (Z62.820) Parent-child relational problem
V61.8 (Z62.891) Sibling relational problem
V61.8 (Z62.29) Upbringing away from parents
V61.29 (Z62.898) as Child affected by parental relationship distress
V61.10 (Z63.0) Relationship distress with spouse or intimate partner
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This is only the main points – there are many more discussed in detail in other documents.

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