

## National data: Psychiatric drugs behind 75 percent of all female suicides

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**Newly uncovered data show that psychiatric drugs were behind 75 percent of ALL suicides among women (18-84) in Sweden (2006); antidepressants were behind 52 percent.**

The unique information is coming from the National Board of Health and Welfare. It can be the first time that data on a national level about ALL the psychiatric drug treatment preceding suicides, have been revealed.

Among a total number of 377 women who committed suicide in 2006, 281 (75%) had filled a prescription for psychiatric drugs within 180 days before their death.

The women were seeking help – and they got psychiatric drugs, said by psychiatrists and pharmaceutical companies to prevent suicides and cure depression.

There was no “lack of treatment” for the 377 women who committed suicide: Almost one fifth (18%) got at least three psychiatric drugs (antidepressants, neuroleptics, hypnotics/sedatives); 41% got at least two.

The data revealed add to the just released directive from European Medicines Agency, to include warnings about increased risk of suicidal thoughts and behaviour for ALL antidepressants, not only for children and adolescents, but also for young adults (see the British MHRA, Implementation of warnings on suicidal thoughts and behaviour in antidepressants, 4 February).

For years pharmaceutical companies have used a "blackmail strategy" to get doctors and sad patients to believe that they MUST use the drugs – or else. Leading psychiatrists with financial interests in increased sales have been writing endlessly in medical journals about the “protective effect” of antidepressants against suicide. Shamelessly false statements that the psychiatric drugs correct a chemical imbalance (such as a lack of serotonin) in the brain are still part of the official drug labels.

But the new data from Sweden tell the real story: Psychiatric drug treatment was part of 75 percent of ALL cases of suicide among women (18-84) for the year 2006; they obviously did NOT correct any form of “chemical imbalance” in the brain for these women.

The conclusion from the now revealed data could only be one: At best psychiatric drugs, including antidepressants, do not prevent suicides and, at worst directly cause them.

See also earlier article, Antidepressants behind 52 percent of all suicides among women, <http://www.transworldnews.com/NewsStory.aspx?id=33878&cat=10>

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