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1/9 A thread of testimony submitted by experts in psychiatry, paediatrics & cognitive neuroscience from around the world to the High Court in the Tavistock Puberty Blockers case.

2/9 One expert said it had been left to those coming to the end of their careers to speak out because the atmosphere of hostility & intimidation facing critical voices made it impossible for younger people to do so

3/9 A global expert on autism reported that girls with autism or anorexia were much more likely to say they wanted to become boys; all young people with difficult childhoods were more likely to say they wanted to transition

4/9 The same expert said autistic teenagers seize on the promise of online sites suggesting their life-long problems will be resolved by transition. Up to 26% of the trans population have Autistic Spectrum Disorder

5/9 A Swedish Psychiatrist reported research saying if left alone, dysphoria usually resolves & girls want to live as women, also that he had treated autism in girls for 45 years and rarely saw gender dysphoria before 2013

6/9 The Director of UCLs Institute for Cognitive Neuroscience said current treatment was exposing young people to significant risk of harm. That includes impaired intelligence and infertility in girls

7/9 A Professor of Psychiatry from Ohio said it is medically impossible to change sex, many people have sexual difficulties post-transition & suicide rates are high; that was echoed by a Professor of Paediatrics from Sydney

8/9 The Ohio Professor reported that Black & Asian children in the US are more likely to be diagnosed as Trans & it is rare for a gender dysphoric young person not to have other psychiatric problems or symptoms

9/9 The Sydney Professor said info given to parents by the Tavistock clinic did not tell them almost all confused children revert to an identity congruent with their chromosomes & that suicide rates are significantly higher after transition