

**November 2014**

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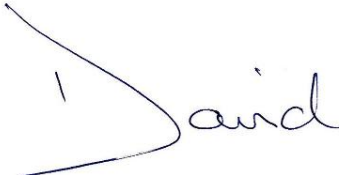
Here's a recap of blog posts and other news from the past month.

The stories on [RxISK](#) this month have included a compelling portrait of what a life on drugs can be like and the sense of waking up once the treatment stops - this likely applies to a wide range of treatments. The most profound issue is perhaps the emergence of asexuality and the possible links this might have to antidepressants given in pregnancy or to young children. Watch this spot for developments.

On [DavidHealy.org](#), the North Wales murder mystery rolls on with four more posts. We invite speculation and comments from any and all quarters ahead of the denouement scheduled for the start of the New Year.

Thank you for your support.

Your feedback, as always, is greatly appreciated.



## RxISK stories

### [If Anxious Check Drugs: PPIs and Diuretics](#)

One of us had a very successful colleague who over time became more and more anxious and sought advice. It was difficult to see why this person should become anxious suggesting there was a physical factor involved. Repeated ... [Read More...][...»](#)

### [Asexuality: A Curious Parallel](#)

This post is by James Bennett who is organizing RxISK research on PSSD. In the last two decades there has been an explosion in the number of children being prescribed a range of drugs including antidepressants, antipsychotics and ... [Read More...][...»](#)

### [Life on Drugs](#)

This extraordinary account of what it can be like to live on psychotropic drugs came by email out of the blue from Jim Seko. For the record, it looks from here that Jim cannot have had schizophrenia. His ... [Read More...][...»](#)



## From David's blog...

### [Persecution: SUI Cide in the OK Corral](#)

Sometimes it can be counter-productive to be an insider in terms of spotting what's going on. While truth pretty well always has to be stranger than fiction (fiction has to make sense after all), the scenarios covering how and why systems break down

whether marriages, companies, political parties or academic groups [...]»

### Persecution: SUI Cide or HomiCide?

Is what is happening down to a clash of personalities, a local vendetta? The cavalier lack of concern for due process might point to a ham-fisted local operation or it might point to government or company support creating a sense of invulnerability. [...]»

### Persecution: SUI-Cide Note

I was supposed to be interviewed as part of a Serious Untoward Incident (SUI) review process on March 12 this year. The main interviewer was Robert Higgo. An email that morning said he had a headache and would have to cry off the interview. It was deferred to April 10. [...]»

### Persecution: SUI-Cide Trick or Treat?

The SUI in this case was being conducted by an apparently self-declared expert in SUIs, Dr Robert Higgo. While in the process of moving to Wrexham a short time before hand, Dr Higgo had been called in as an "external" investigator on a serious incident involving one of his colleagues-to-be in Wrexham. When confronted with the fact that he wasn't so external, he accepted that most people would not accept he was external but he said that nevertheless he figured his judgement was independent. Lucky me to have both an expert on SUIs and someone of solid independent judgement involved in this SUI. [...]»

### Persecution: SUI-Cide is Painless in Betsi

When something serious goes wrong in healthcare it is standard to have a Serious Untoward Incident (SUI) review. If conducted in good faith, in areas like surgery where the issues are clear cut, having a critical incident review like this has some chance of working. But in mental health, the issues are rarely clear cut. And as one of one of the managers within BCUHB put it, SUIs are an opportunity to "get your own back on others." [...]»



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