

5. Consultation with Nearest Relative and process of identifying the Nearest Relative

Mr Cordell is not married and living on his own. He has no children aged over 18 years of age. His parents are ordinarily residents in the UK. His father is the eldest of the two. However, his mother is providing significant and substantial care for him on daily basis. His father does not see him regularly and or provide any substantial care for him as his mother. Therefore, his mother is the Nearest Relative according to S26 (4) of the MHA. She described a complicated relationship with the police since he was 14 and guilty of driving stolen and other cars without a licence. More recently he has grown up and she still feels he is repeatedly targeted by the police. They often stop him to ask about his welfare and then use this to search him. She denies that he used any street drugs but then admitted he used to do this and hius last assessment had been after he had attended a festival and gave in to peer pressure taking lots of drugs. She claimed he is not using drugs now but then admitted he does use (laughing gas) from time to time.

6. Consultation with Assessing Doctors

Both the assessing doctors had agreed that his problems are mostly related to his early history and losses of significant others over the past 2 years. Dr Moorey was of the opinion that counselling could make matters worse and that he should be encouraged to continue to work towards his long-term goals. The doctors felt that Mr Cordell is managing his difficult situation well and said that he can call crisis service if he requires support in the future.

7. Views of others consulted

Mr Cordell is reported to saying that he did his best to help but, on the whole, left the caring to Simon's mother his ex-partner who is heavily involved.

8. Mental Capacity Act 2005

Mr Cordell has capacity to decide on his present crisis situation. He has agreed to call the mental health service if he requires support in the future.

9. Reason for decision to make the application (including choice of Section)

It was decided there were no grounds to admit him to hospital as the doctors who attended the Mental Health Act assessment agreed that Mr Cordell is not suffering from a mental disorder that would require a hospital admission either voluntary or compulsory.