

Pre-Hearing Medical Examination of the Patient

A pre-hearing examination of the patient was indicated under the Rules.

The interview with the patient took place on 8th November, 2018.

The Tribunal considered:

Oral evidence from Dr J. Greensides, RC; Nurse Thembi Magodlela; Mr Soobah Appadoo, CPN; Mr Simon Cordell, patient and Mrs Cordell, patient's mother.

Written evidence from Dr M. Elia, ST6; Nurse Bibi Khodabux; Mr Soobah Appadoo, CPN

Other material, namely Responsible Authority Statement of Information,

Observers: Mrs Fiona Bateman, (Judicial Shadowing Scheme) and Student Nurse Skubik

Jurisdiction, Preliminary and Procedural Matters

1. The tribunal is satisfied that it has jurisdiction to consider this application.
2. The solicitor for the patient sought permission to submit a 6 page document from Mrs Cordell, the nearest relative. The solicitor indicated that the document expressed the nearest relative's views and those of a cousin. The panel considered the request and noted that Mrs Cordell's views as regards her son's detention and the housing problems he has experienced were fully reflected in the social circumstances report provided. The panel would also allow her to speak at the tribunal hearing if she wished to do so. In those circumstances, we did not accept the submission of the document.

Grounds for the Decision

1. The tribunal is satisfied that the patient is suffering from mental disorder or from mental disorder of a nature or degree which warrants the patient's detention in a hospital for assessment (or for assessment followed by medical treatment) for at least a limited period.
2. The tribunal is satisfied that the patient's detention as aforesaid is justified in the interests of the patient's own health or safety, or with a view to the protection of other persons.
3. The tribunal does not consider that it is appropriate to discharge the patient under its discretionary powers.

Reasons

1. Background

Mr Simon Cordell is aged 37 and is single and resides in council accommodation in the community. There is a longstanding history of difficulties with neighbours at his accommodation which was detailed in the reports. His background and history was documented in the statutory reports provided to the panel. He has been known to Adult Mental Health Services since 2014. He has had varied diagnoses in the past and has been found not to require section under the Mental Health Act in 2014 and 2015. He was however detained subject to Section 2 in August, 2016 and was subsequently discharged by a Tribunal. The history indicated that he was discharged on prescribed medication and followed up by EIS. He reportedly did not engage with services or medication and was thereafter discharged from EIS. He has a current working diagnosis of schizophrenia.

The current admission follows an incident in October, 2018 which led to safeguarding concerns and the Enfield Adult North Locality Team's decision to arrange an MHA assessment. Mr Cordell was detained subject to Section 2 on the 25.11.2018.