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Dear Sirs

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Re: The London Borough of Enfield v Cordell Claim number: E00ED049- Edmonton County Court

We write further to the Order made by District Judge Dias following the hearing on 26th June 2018.

Paragraph 1 of the order states the following: 'By 4pm on 10 July 2018 the Defendant shall undergo a mental capacity assessment by a Consultant Psychiatrist at an appointment to be arranged of which the Defendant shall be given at least 24 hours' notice and a report shall be prepared in relation to the Defendant's capacity to litigate and capacity to understand the meaning of the interim injunction dated 09 January 2018 and that report shall be filed at court and served on each party to the litigation'.

We confirm that the Defendant was assessed by Dr Dhinakaran, a psychiatrist consultant on 5th July 2018. A copy of her assessment report is attached to this email and it confirms that the Defendant lacks capacity to litigate/ understand the terms of the injunction order.

The Claimant was also directed to file a witness statement in response to this assessment if so advised by 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018. We confirm that the Claimant has no comments to make at this stage. We have asked the Defendant's solicitors to contact the Enfield Assessment Mental Health team and instruct them to release the Defendant's medical documents so the Claimant could consider them and make further comments. However we have had no confirmation from the Defendant's solicitors as to whether the Defendant has provided the relevant consent and we therefore reserve the right to make further submissions until these documents are received by the Claimant.

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