Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health NHS Trust

My report is based on the information which I have extracted from RIO and my telephone conversation with Mr Cordell's mother.

Psychiatric history

On the 16th August 2016 Mr Cordell was admitted to CFH under Section 2 of the MHA. He was discharged on the 27th August 2016. According to RIO notes Mr Cordell "was arrested at his home address after his mother raised concerns about his mental state - he was allegedly verbally threatening towards his neighbour and (?) neighbour's children. Simon's mother called police who arrested him. He was seen by the FME at Wood Green police station, was then referred for MHA."

He appealed against his Section. The Mental Health Review Tribunal discharged him from Section 2 on the 26th August 2016.

Leading to current admission

As I stated above leading to this admission Mr Cordell did not attend appointments offered to him by our service. Subsequently due to the allegations made against him I was advised to attend a Safeguarding meeting for an alleged victim. In that meeting I was informed by the Council that Mr Cordell has a past and current history of physical and verbal aggression towards residents in the building. I was informed that the council has tried to work with Mr Cordell but to no avail. I was informed me that Mr Cordell was getting easily irritated even by the sound of a flushing toilet; this happened very recently and he threatened the resident concerned. The Council was of the opinion that these are signs of mental illness and suggested that BEH should proceed with a MHA. The Council argued that this is for the protection of others as well as Mr Cordell's own safety.

Subsequently the council sent us a copy of 'Anti-Social Behaviour, Tenancy concerns and breaches- pre-action letter' which contained a chronology of alleged incidents dating from 2016. These alleged incidents were in the meaning of an antisocial behaviour presentation.

On the 17th October Mr Cordell was discussed in our MDT meeting. A decision was made to conduct a MHA. A MHA was attempted on the 19th October. Mr Cordell did not cooperate and the assessment did not take place.

On the 23rd October an application for a warrant was made but was declined on the grounds "that there was insufficient recent evidence that he was being "kept under proper control" as he is living alone and "insufficient recent medical evidence that "he is unable to care for himself".

According to RIO, on the 25th October Mr Cordell was arrested for breaching a harassment order. It was alleged that he was aggressive towards the police and spat at them. He was assessed at the police station. On interview he had pressure of speech, delusions about his neighbours and the police and housing ganging up against him. He denied drug use. He said that does not have a mental disorder. The