

3.2 I assessed Mr Cordell on 6 July 2018, at his flat 109 Burncroft Avenue, Enfield EN3 7JQ, accompanied by two officers from the Enfield Housing Team. I can confirm that prior to my assessment; I explained to Mr Cordell my role and the purpose of my visit. I also explained to him that I was acting on the instructions of the Enfield Council at the directions of the Court.

#### **4. Assessment of Mr Cordell**

4.1 Mr Cordell spoke to us for a few minutes outside his flat and upon explaining the purpose of the visit, he allowed us into his flat. He agreed to tie the dog outside in the garden. The flat although disorganised with papers and folders scattered around, did not appear overly cluttered. Mr Cordell presented as a young, slim built, mixed race male with reasonable hygiene. We explained our roles and the purpose of our visit. Mr Cordell informed us that he was recording our conversation.

4.2 Mr Cordell seemed very keen and enthusiastic to talk and we had to explain the reason of our visit several times to maintain some structure and focus. He maintained appropriate eye contact and we managed to establish a rapport after a while. His demeanour was polite and appropriate. There was evidence of psychomotor agitation as he appeared generally restless and overactive. Mr Cordell described his appetite and sleep pattern as fine. Objectively I would regard his mood as labile, rapidly fluctuating between euthymia (normal mood) and irritability.

4.3 Mr Cordell's comprehension of information presented to him appeared adequate. He was able to understand the queries presented to him. His responses however were very elaborate and circumstantial. His speech was very pressured, difficult to interrupt and at times frankly rambling. There was clear evidence of thought disorder with flight of ideas (rapid shift of ideas with some superficial apparent connection). Mr Cordell struggled to sustain his goal of thinking as he often derailed to themes of relevance to him, digressing away from the topic of discussion. It was very difficult to obtain a direct response to the queries posed to him and follow his thread of conversation.

4.4. Mr Cordell's thought content was replete with various delusional beliefs of persecutory and grandiose nature. He spoke of an elaborate conspiracy which involves the Enfield local authority and the metropolitan police, dating back since 2013, when he claimed that he was arrested for putting up a gazebo in his garden which led to him being barred from visiting