

A pre-hearing examination of the patient was indicated under the Rules. The interview with the patient took place on the day

The Tribunal considered:

Oral evidence from Dr Mills, ST4, Mr Ahmed, SN, Mr Adama, C-C, Mr Cordell, Mrs Cordell, mother

Written evidence from Dr Mills, ST4, 24-8-16, A Burahee, SN, 24-8-16, Goodie Adama, Locum CMHN, 25-8-16 which included a letter from Mr Cordell.

Other material, namely Responsible Authority Statement of Information,

Jurisdiction. Preliminary and Procedural Matters

1. The tribunal is satisfied that it has jurisdiction to consider this application.

Grounds for the Decision

1. The tribunal is not 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 not 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. Mr Cordell is 35 years old. He lives alone in a one bedroom flat. His mother is supportive and attended the hearing. Mr Cordell had a troubled adolescence with periods spent in care and was homeless for a while. Mr Cordell is not currently in paid employment but he has ambitious plans to set up a company and a charitable organisation. He has a conviction for setting up illegal raves and is currently subject to an ASBO.
2. He has been known to psychiatric services since 2014 and has undergone a number of assessments of his mental health but these have found that he was not detainable. He was discharged by services after non engagement in February 2016. He has expressed persecutory beliefs about a neighbour, the police and, at times, his mother. In the context of these beliefs he has put CCTV cameras outside his flat and it appears that a neighbour was rehoused after a disagreement with him but the exact circumstances were not clear. He has misused substances in the past.
3. The factual details of the circumstances of the admission were not clear from the reports and the clinical team were not able to tell us whether or not he is on bail. It was Mr Cordell who furnished us with a notice from the police that he is on bail for an offence of threats to kill. He is not due to be interviewed until October. It is unclear who the alleged victim of the complaint is. He is adamant that he is not guilty of this charge. Further, the report from the care co-ordinator stated it was his mother who called the police but this was adamantly denied by Mrs Cordell. The care co-ordinator corrected his report to clarify that Mr Cordell is not awaiting trial for burglary.
4. Mr Cordell thinks he was arrested and taken to the police station because of concerns expressed about the loud music he was playing. He was seen in custody and admitted to hospital.