A new date was set when again you ordered the solicitors to attend and had also contacted the new company Miss Ward worked for. Later that day Miss ward contacted me and we meet to go over my son's bundle to check the documents and see if there were any missing documents left that needed to be added. Miss ward believed I had covered all the documents.

Each time this was in court after the 26/09/2016 I informed you I was having a great deal of trouble finding a new solicitors to take this case on due to it being at appeal stage. On the 19/12/2016 I wrote a letter to you saying I had tried everything and could not get a new solicitor and asking if the court could help. I got a reply from you from the court on the 21/12/2016 stating.

## Good afternoon

Your emailed was placed before HHJ Pawlak who replies:

## 'We cannot help

1. The Appellants solicitor came off the record at your request not at the direction of the Court

- 2. This is the Appellants appeal and it first came before the Court in January 2016
- 3. The Appellant has had long enough to find a solicitor and/or counsel
- 4. The Court cannot force a solicitor to act against his will for a client.'

## Regards

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Point 1: is incorrect my son did not ask for his solicitors to be taken of record.

Point 2: I believe is also incorrect as this was listed before the court on 26/10/2015.

Point 3: I was doing all I could to find a solicitor and/or counsel. I also can not force a solicitor and/or counsel to take an appeal case on and I could not afford to pay for one if I could have paid for one I would have done so long ago.

On the 12/01/2017 late in the day as I did not give up trying to get a new solicitor to take this case on I was given a number for a company called MK-Law I broke down on the phone to them as they were the 1<sup>st</sup> solicitors who even wanted to hear about the case after I said it was at appeal stage.

They were willing to act as long as legal aid was put in place. I got an email sent to them on the 13/01/2017 re transferring legal aid as I believed it was still in place with