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Dear Ms Cordell,

Re: Simon Cordell

I am writing in response to your emails dated 17th and 20th December 18 where you have raised that you feel that some of the information provided in my letter to Joan Ryan MP dated 12th December 2018 is incorrect.

I have therefore asked for legal clarification on the points raised. I accept that the order made by the Edmonton County Court on 9th August 2018 did not actually record that your son submits a housing transfer application on the condition that he engages with mental health team. However, you agreed that you would engage with the Enfield Mental Health Unit Team, so your son could receive assistance with his mental health conditions and housing.

I understand that you agreed to submit a housing management transfer to be considered by the exceptions panel on 17/08/2018. However, following a discussion held with Ms Iyavoo, one of the Council's lawyers on 16th August 2018 you were advised that the application being unsupported by medical evidence, if successful, would only result in a transfer of a property on a like for like basis. You explained to Ms Iyavoo that your son needed support and would benefit from a larger property, so someone could come and live with him and you were advised that this type of application must be supported by medical evidence. As your son was given an appointment to see the Enfield Mental Health Team on 31st August 2018, you asked that you son's application be deferred until the next panel meeting which was to take place on 29th September 2018. This was also confirmed in an email to Ms Iyavoo on the same day.

Unfortunately, you did not contact Ms Iyavoo until 28th September 2018 at



4.20pm where you asked for an update regarding your son's management transfer application. You were aware that the panel meeting would take place on 29th September 2018 but only contacted Ms Iyavoo less than 24 hours before the meeting. You also failed to provide Ms Iyavoo with an update regarding the appointment and whether you had managed to obtain the necessary medical evidence. Ms Iyavoo contacted you on 12th October 2018 and advised you that the next panel meeting was to take place on 18th October 2018 and any applications would need to be submitted by 15th October 2018. She also asked that you clarify the basis of the application and whether you were able to provide medical evidence. Unfortunately, you did not respond to her.

In relation to the allegations made in regard to the draft Order submitted to the Court. Ms Iyavoo explains that she contacted Ms Trishna Kerai, of Stuart Miller Solicitors; the caseworker instructed on behalf of Simon Cordell on 10th August 2018 and emailed her a draft order. Ms Iyavoo did not hear from Ms Kerai, so she emailed her again on 13th August 2018 and asked that she provides her agreement as soon as possible and if no response was made by 4pm on the same day she will have to email the draft to the Judge. Ms Iyavoo states that she received a response from Ms Kerai on the same day stating that she was in agreement with the order, but she was waiting for your instructions. As no response was forthcoming, Ms Iyavoo had to email the order to the Court on 15th August 2018 and she also copied Simon's caseworker to the email. Ms Kerai has never indicated that she was on annual leave during the time of the correspondence but confirmed that the delay was due to the receipt of your instructions.

Ms Iyavoo indicates that the order was following guidance provided by District Judge Dias. The Court order does not propose to be verbatim or to be a summary of all arguments exchanged in Court.

I apologise for the delay in responding over the Christmas period and I will contact you shortly to advise you about where any future enquiries on this matter should be addressed.

Yours Sincerely



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