

HN21: Gist of Medical Reports

First Report of Dr Busuttill dated 27 March 2017

Dr Busuttill met with HN21 in March 2017 and was provided with his medical records. He confirms that HN21 has suffered recurrent episodes of severe depression since deployment. At the time of the report, HN21 did not fulfil the diagnostic criteria for a full depressive episode but Dr Busuttill identified a number of symptoms that were present. The Inquiry had exacerbated his mental state and his current symptoms.

Dr Busuttill considered that publication of the real or cover name would make it much more likely that HN21 would go on to develop a diagnosable depressive episode and may lead to another condition. Dr Busuttill confirmed that HN21 requires treatment and made recommendations.

Second Report of Dr Busuttill dated 24 April 2018

Dr Busuttill met with HN21 in April 2018 and was provided with copies of his GP records. Dr Busuttill confirms that HN21's health has deteriorated since he had last seen him. HN21 is currently suffering from a mild to moderately severe depressive episode and another long term condition. HN21 is currently receiving treatment of antidepressant medication although Dr Busuttill recommends an increase in dose.

It is Dr Busuttill's opinion that the prolonged uncertainty about the outcome of the restriction order process has contributed to and maintained his depression. If HN21's real or cover name were to be disclosed, HN21's psychiatric symptoms are likely to worsen and render treatment less likely to succeed. Conversely, if his real and cover names are not disclosed, and that is a certainty that they will not be, Dr Busuttill would expect his depression to respond to intervention. It is likely that HN21 will require support and intervention for a considerable period of time.