

Gisted Psychiatric Report in relation to HN273

Prepared by a Consultant Psychiatrist at the request of the MPS

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Opinion

HN273's current mental health diagnosis is Mixed Anxiety and Depression and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Further psychological treatment is recommended.

The UCPI is considered to be "entirely causal" of HN273's diagnosis. HN273's worry over having to give evidence has caused HN273 to "decompensate" impacting HN273's physical health.

The prognosis depends on how HN273 is to provide evidence. If HN273's identity is disclosed, HN273's mental health problems would worsen and become chronic. HN273's deterioration will cause significant potentially life-threatening change to their physical and mental health. The likelihood of deterioration leading to a risk of serious harm was considered to be extremely high.

The risks would remain if HN273 were allowed to give evidence from behind a screen but in their real name or anonymised but without a screen. HN273 expressed their preference to provide only written evidence. The opinion was that giving anonymised evidence from behind a screen was feasible, particularly if HN273 had someone supporting them during the evidence giving.

If HN273 is granted anonymity it is believed that HN273 would recover with treatment in a specified period.

The report was signed and contained a statement of truth and confirmation that there was no conflict of interest.