

SOCIAL WORK ASSESSMENT -

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This report cannot be disclosed to the patient

MAPPA INVOLVEMENT JUNE 2009

- The first involvement of the South Wales Psychiatric Service that I am aware of occurred in June 2009, when

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(FCMHN) and I were invited at very short notice to a MAPPA

3 meeting regarding Maurice Kirk. It was established that Maurice had been referred to the MAPPA by South Wales Police following discussion with the Independent Advisory Group.

- We were able to establish that, following the circulation of information from the Fixated Threat Unit (following the Highgrove incident), Maurice's GP had referred him to local psychiatric services. Dr Metters had met with Mr Kirk on one occasion and we were able to take his notes along to the MAPPA.

- It was explained that the subject of the MAPPA was deemed to be Level 3 - partly because of the risk of attracting media attention, but also because of the risk he posed to himself and others by his actions. The meeting was informed that Maurice Kirk has a long history with

law enforcement agencies with a number of criminal convictions, together with a large number of civil actions and complaints being instigated against relevant forces. Currently, he has just over a hundred civil actions pending against South Wales Police, focused on a variety of individuals.

- In considering who was at risk, it was established that the South Wales' Police view is that he poses a definite risk to the Chief Constable and her family who all have enhanced protection currently. Also a level of protection currently being provided towards various others (members of South Wales Police, solicitors etc). It was also reviewed that South Wales Police have a firearms response which could mean that the MAPPA subject would be shot if he attempted to make any approach to the Chief Constable. Police spoke about their serious concerns that Mr Kirk had information about the whereabouts and family circumstances of various members of the police, court staff etc.

- It was reviewed that Mr Kirk has a criminal history - mostly minor offences. Does not have a criminal history which includes previous use of firearms. Five offences against the person dating from 1978 to 1999 as well as four public order offences.

- The meeting was informed that in recent discussions with the CPS, it has been clarified that several of Mr Kirk's recent actions do not constitute an offence. Even his approach to the Chief Constable could be seen as his right to request an interview with her, necessary for the procedure of his civil court case.

- It was discussed that Mr Kirk has recently offered to sell a machine gun for £4000 on his website. Not known whether he is actually in possession of the machine gun. Has referred to

it as "she " and "her " on his website etc.

- At the meeting, it was reviewed that the police intend to take certain action which they anticipate will result in a remand into custody.

FIRST MEETING WITH MAURICE KIRK 17.08-09

After liaising with nursing staff, I met with Maurice Kirk together with an escorting member of nursing staff. I shook hands with Mr Kirk and asked if he would be prepared to meet with me. He put his cigarette out and suggested that we go to another room where there is no smoke. I thanked him for his consideration. I informed that I hoped to introduce myself and explain my role in the team and that I also had information to pass on to him.

Mr Kirk instructed me to continue whilst making note of my name and time of the talk etc. At one point, when I said that I found his method of communicating offensive, he apologised if I found it so. I asked him why it was necessary to make explicit notes of my name etc and he responded that it was necessary to keep a record of everything that happens as he is being detained illegally - both in prison and at the Clinic. I suggested that it would be helpful to hear his own story that has led to his detention in a medium secure unit. Also reflected that, up until now, he has met with team members who are considering medical model as it applies to him and his circumstances. Informed that social work is informed by other models.

Mr Kirk made it clear that he wished to discontinue the conversation. Informed him of telephone call from an Environmental Health Officer who would wish the opportunity to discuss some problems with him regarding one of his rented properties (leaking roof). Mr Kirk informed that

this was if no interest/concern to him in his current situation, that he was only concerned with his own predicament and with his family. He continued that he had no concern for the tenant (presumably) as the tenant was living off the state etc.

He declined to take the contact details from EHO stating that he couldn't telephone her and she would have to contact him. On checking with nursing staff, I was informed that Mr Kirk has 15 minutes access to the telephone per day (to phone out). Mr Kirk implied that he had other and more important business to attend to.

SECOND MEETING WITH MAURICE KIRK 19.08.09

I met with Maurice together with nursing escort to discuss with him, if possible, the remarks that he made in CTM yesterday (18.08.09) regarding family difficulties. In particular, the distress of both his wife and youngest daughter. I wanted to explain the need to gather information from a variety of sources to be able to make an informed assessment of mental state/behaviour. Although interspersed with various preoccupations about past and current injustices and likely conspiracy between agencies that explain past and current situation, Maurice appeared thoughtful about my suggestion that I meet with Kirsty Kirk. He informed that he would contact her and put it to her that it may be helpful to meet with me. He informed that she is suspicious and reluctant to involve herself and that, despite his intervention, she remains unlikely to agree to meet with me. We talked about various interpretations that could be put on his communications currently.

THIRD MEETING WITH MAURICE KIRK 24.08.09