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Subject: Adverse Incident Feedback: WEB117829

Thank you for reporting this incident on 13/12/2019

AR was arrested and produced at St Anne street police station in regards to a charge of possessing a bladed article in a school premises and Section 47 Assault. Nature of offence DP is an ex pupil of The Range high school and attended the school today with a hockey stick and used it to hit another student. Police called and spoke with DP who admits to having a knife also. Knife recovered , c&a , no reply. AR is currently open to the PREVENT Team. Initial information suggested that he has been utilising the internet to search mass school shootings, ISIS and beheadings. It was also suggested that Axel had been intending to kill someone when going to his old school. AR reports that the student he went to see at The Range today is a male who had assaulted him a number of weeks ago. He reported that this took place at school and that the student had pulled him to the ground and hit him. This was observed by other students and AR reports they helped him and that he has not been bullied since leaving the school. AR reports he has found this distressing. AR reports that he wouldn't have felt sad if he hurt him. He reports not planning to use the knife but states that he would have if the Hockey Stick did not work. AR states that he had wrapped tissue paper around the handle to get a better grip. AR was asked if he was planning on killing the student and he replied "I did want to kill him but I don't think I would. Ideally, I wish I did it. But they were in assembly so it wouldn't have happened". He is clear this was revenge. We explored his decision making around going to school etc and AR reports that he has not been thinking about this for a long time but he had a random thought on Saturday. He then decided that he would book a taxi for today as he normally gets a taxi to school so this would not be out of the ordinary for him and that he would simply ask for the taxi to take him somewhere else. I asked if the male he had assaulted was involved in the original bullying and AR stated he was not. When asked why he had assaulted him, AR responded by saying "the Head Teacher and someone else was chasing me and I'm not going to get taken to the Police Station for nothing so I thought I would hit him". AR reports that he liked the student he hit and had never had any problems with this boy. AR reports it doesn't bother him that he assaulted the boy as he didn't get hurt that bad. We discussed the consequences of his action and AR demonstrated an awareness of going to Jail, however, he appears to struggle with abstract concepts and did not fully understand what this would mean. His response was I would probably be less bored in Jail. AR firmly denies any thoughts of harm to himself or others and has no history of this. We discussed the possibilities of him harming the male who had assaulted him. AR reports that he is unlikely to do anything now. He reports that school is too protected. I asked what would happen if he saw this male in the street and AR responded by saying that he doesn't carry weapons so nothing would happen.

The outcome of the incident was:

Thank you for reporting this incident. Appropriate and proactive approach to safeguarding young person and others. SAVRY assessment not appropriate within our team but can be looked at by FACAMHS / CAMHS

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