

Southport Inquiry

Witness Name: Lakshmi Prabha Ramasubramanian

Statement No.: 1

Exhibits: LPR/01 – LPR/04

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THE SOUTHPORT INQUIRY

Exhibit LPR/01 - Email to Dr Aseri on 2 September 2021

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From: Ramasubramanian Lakshmi <Lakshmi.Ramasubramanian@alderhey.nhs.uk>
Sent: 02 September 2021 09:11
To: Aseri Aesha; Russell Katrin; John Jesvin; Brown Richard
Cc: Steed Samantha
Subject: RE: Axel Rudakubana 15.9.2 pm

Thank you Aesha,

You will gather from the notes that Axel is keen on starting an anti-depressant and there is over reporting of his symptoms by his father who believes that there is a major illness in Axel.

There is no objective evidence for it and there are systemic factors.

We had agreed a trial of Sertraline with the proviso that he is unlikely to fully improve unless he engages in behavioural intervention as well.

Kind regards

Lakshmi

From: Aseri Aesha
Sent: 01 September 2021 18:23
To: Russell Katrin; John Jesvin; Brown Richard
Cc: Steed Samantha; Ramasubramanian Lakshmi
Subject: RE: Axel Rudakubana 15.9.2 pm

Hi Katrin

I can see him.

Thanks

Aesha

From: Russell Katrin
Sent: 01 September 2021 10:50
To: John Jesvin; Aseri Aesha; Brown Richard
Cc: Steed Samantha; Ramasubramanian Lakshmi
Subject: FW: Axel Rudakubana 15.9.2 pm

Dear Jesvin, Aesha, Richard

Is one of you able to see Axel with Sam Steed on [15.9.at](#) 2 pm as a one off for Lakshmi to possibly initiate a trial of Sertraline, she is happy to take over afterwards

Please let me know ASAP

BW katrin

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From: Ramasubramanian Lakshmi
Sent: 01 September 2021 10:27
To: Steed Samantha ; Russell Katrin
Subject: Axel Rudakubana

Dear Katrin

Axel is a young person whom I had arranged to see in person on the

15th of September at 2 pm with Sam Steed. This is due to be at Southport Hub.

I am unlikely to return to work by this date, but Axel needs to be seen, possibly to trial Sertraline.

Could one of our trainees join Sam at this appointment please?

I will take over the care once I am back to work.

Best wishes

Lakshmi

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