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Dear Ms Jameson

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D.O.B. **07/08/2006****Hospital No.** **DPA****NHS No.** **DPA**

Axel is a 14 year old male who presents with Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) traits. Axel is currently on the ASC pathway and is awaiting assessment for diagnosis. Axel's current convictions seem to be in line with ASC ridged thinking and lack of empathy.

Communication:

When I have met with Axel he will speak in a very clear mono tone within basic phrases and singular sentences. Axel can use language oddly and misinterpret what people around him are saying. Axel has been reported to repeat words and phrases which he has heard and not necessarily understand but also repeatedly talk about things he is passionate about. Axel frequently misinterprets jokes and sarcasm and he can easily take these seriously. Axel also does not make eye contact.

Axel is a very polite young man and is eager to please. He can easily loose concentration and therefore his thought track in conversations. This becomes more apparent when there is more than one person in a conversation. Axel can misunderstand simple instructions, body language and facial expressions and therefore this is reflected in his own body language and facial expressions.

Axel's lack of empathy and understanding in relation to his conviction of assault is comorbid with ASC. Axel had expressed on several occasions that the young person he was looking for had verbally abused him in the past and that he felt victimised and bullied by him. Although this does not make what Axel did right in attacking the other young man, it would explain Axel's frustration in the context of having a 'meltdown'. Axel was unable to hold his emotions any longer and could only see attacking the young person as a solution.

Social Skills:

Axel enjoys his own company. He is very adept with computers and was recently bought a modified specification PC for gaming. Axel chose the parameters for his PC and designed the specifications. When I asked Axel about his computer being seized by the police, he showed

no attachment or emotion to this being taken away, even though he had only had it for a few weeks. If we take into consideration young boys Axel's age, without the consideration of a neurodevelopmental difficulty, most would find losing their computer privileges hard. Most teenagers Axel's age would be quite upset and be able to verbalise this. Axel did not. Axel had no emotion at all and he did not question if his PC would be returned.

Axel has been reported to not seek out social interactions with others. However when he has sought out interactions in the past it has resulted in intense, smothering relationships which fail quite quickly. Axel also prefers to be in charge and struggles with turn taking and playing team games.

Daily Living:

Axel likes routine. He struggles when this changes without warning. Axel is a lot more content when in education as he understands the social etiquette of education. With regards to Axel having ASC, over reaction, aggressiveness and becoming over emotional is also a trait. This could also be a possibility as to why when he could not find the person he was looking for he lashed out at the other young man.

I have met Axel on several occasions and feel that he is aware of his behaviour and the consequences of this. However, I also feel that Axel's behaviour is down to the possibility of having ASC. I feel that the possibility of Axel having ASC needs to be taken into account with regards to convictions and sentencing. From my meetings with Axel and his parents, he has not presented with any mental health concerns and I have not witnessed any safeguarding issues which could result in harm coming to anyone within the family home.

Axel is a bright young man who has a good insight into computers with potential to learn to understand the world around him. I feel that with time Axel will learn to understand his emotions and regulate them within situational contexts.

If you require any more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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