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**Mental Health Services
General Assessment**

Facility: Mental Health Service

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URN: 041392

Family name: Harrison

Given name(s): Harry

Address: 30 Chester Street 4079

Date of birth: 01/01/1991

Sex: M F I

Mental state examination

General appearance and behaviour:

Young male, with fair complexion, thick dark eyebrows and short black hair, wearing jeans, with a gray and black patterned tee-shirt and holding a cream baseball cap in his hands. Harry appears to be of stated age (18yo) and of average build. Little movement or gesturing during interview and initially reluctant to co-operate (ignoring questions), however became more co-operative as interview progressed and responded to questions. Eye contact limited, improving when talking on topics significant to him (special powers, concerns about his brother). Superficial rapport, asks to terminate interview after several minutes, feeling 'tripped out', however remained in room and continued assessment

Speech (include rate, volume and tone)

- Rate: slowed and hesitant, occasionally mumbling.
- Volume: normal though increased when answering some questions
- Tone: normal

Mood and affect (include quality, range, appropriateness, congruence with mood and communication)

- **Mood:** When asked re mood states "I'm alright", makes reference to being irritable "takes nothing to set me off" and when asked if ever becomes depressed says; "I just get sad sometimes when I can't remember my purpose."
- **Affect:** Range - broad, intensity - blunted. Reactive (angry when talking about brother).

Mood and affect congruent.

Neuro-veg: Sleep: states he is getting enough sleep however Mother reports disturbed sleep and that he has often been awake all night. Appetite: does not eat at home as believes his brother is putting iron filings in his food so is getting takeaway. Weight; admits to some weight loss.

Perception (include hallucinations and illusions)

- Describes auditory hallucinations, hears a voice he calls "The agency" that "tells me stuff", "tells me I'm special as I can go invisible", "tells me people will try to steal my ability" and "tells me about my innerverse" (the world inside him). Reports they send codes to follow through the internet. When he is near a computer they transmit the codes to him; "I hear them telling me stuff."

Thought form/flow (logical, tangential, blocked, concrete)

spontaneous flow of thoughts

- Neologisms, used a word the "innerverse" to describe the world inside him.

Thought content (include delusions, suicide ideation, thoughts alienation and passivity experiences, phobias and obsessions)

Thought insertion

Systematised delusional material expressed during interview:



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- Grandiose ideas of being special and that he has the power of invisibility
- Receives codes from “The agency” when near a computer (via the internet). Describes auditory hallucinations of the “agency telling me stuff” but requires further assessment to determine whether his belief that they transmit codes via the internet is a delusional belief.
- Brother “monitors the monitor...puts gas in the air to stop me going invisible and puts iron filings in my food to stop the internet seeing me.”
- People wanting to steal his ability (invisibility)
- “I sleep in my invisibility cloak”
- Inability to be harmed while invisible, “they can’t hit what they can’t see” when discussing his “traffic surfing”.
- **Risk** Denies suicidal ideation and intent, stating “that would be against the rules”.
- Expresses some homicidal ideation regarding his brother, stating “if my brother didn’t get over it, my power and everything, um, I might just have to kill him”, denies having made plans for this.
- Vulnerability to loss of reputation, deterioration in mental state and self-neglect (poor sleep, appetite).

Judgement

- Poor. Brought in after being found “traffic surfing”, “you just duck and dive through cars, you know, they just whiz by, they don’t even see me”. Not attending school as he believes school is no longer important as he has special abilities.
- **Impulsivity:** he has been traffic surfing.

Insight (understanding of illness)

Insight impaired, cannot understand why Police brought him to the hospital. States he told his brother that he could become invisible but he did not believe him so Harry showed him but...“he acted like he could see me but I didn’t believe him.”

Cognitive assessment (include orientation, memory and capacity)

Alert: awake and able to respond to assessment

Memory: able to provide timelines for what has been occurring

Orientation: able to provide the date and knows he is at the hospital.

Concentration: able to attend to assessment.

Capacity: not formally tested.