

MENTAL DEFICIENCY ACT 1913 (SECTION 1) as amended by SECTION 1 of the MENTAL DEFICIENCY ACT 1927, and SECTION 11 of the EDUCATION (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1948.

1.—(1) The following sections shall be substituted for section one of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913 (in this Act referred to as “the principal Act”)—

“1—(1) The following classes of persons who are mentally defective shall be deemed to be defectives within the meaning of this Act:—

- “(a) Idiots, that is to say, persons in whose case there exists mental defectiveness of such a degree that they are unable to guard themselves against common physical dangers;
- “(b) Imbeciles, that is to say, persons in whose case there exists mental defectiveness which, though not amounting to idiocy, is yet so pronounced that they are incapable of managing themselves or their affairs or, in the case of children, of being taught to do so;
- “(c) Feeble-minded persons, that is to say, persons in whose case there exists mental defectiveness which, though not amounting to imbecility, is yet so pronounced that they require care, supervision and control for their own protection or for the protection of others or, in the case of children, involves disability of mind of such a nature and extent as to make them for the purposes of section fifty-seven of the Education Act, 1944, incapable of receiving education at school.
- “(d) Moral defectives, that is to say, persons in whose case there exists mental defectiveness coupled with strongly vicious or criminal propensities and who require care, supervision and control for the protection of others.

“(2) For the purposes of this section, ‘mental defectiveness’ means a condition of arrested or incomplete development of mind existing before the age of eighteen years, whether arising from inherent causes or induced by disease or injury.”

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PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Report on... COOPER, Mabel.....

Date 23.10. 19 65.....

Age 23 years.....

Ward F.B.2.....

Date of Birth 10.8.44.....

Dr. Griffiths.....

Problem

Reassessment to study variation of abilities.

Previous Test Results

25.11.57 Binet L.

M.A. 5 yrs 7 mths I.Q. 42

7.5.63. Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale.

VS/PS 62/68 F.S.I.Q. 63.

Present Test Results

W.A.I.S. VS/PS 74/81 F.S.I.Q. 76

Behaviour

Mabel is now showing much more confidence and less anxiety. She was cheerful and prepared to talk freely and make comments on her own initiative.

Assessment

Mabel was more successful with the performance scale than with the verbal scale. Items requiring general comprehension and memory show better scores than those which depend on education e.g. general information, arithmetic, and vocabulary. Yet her vocabulary, calculation and general information are much improved on her previous tests, no doubt attributable to the broadening effect of outings and holidays with other members of the card ribboning department.

It is my opinion that she now reads fairly fluently and is at the point where she could develop her personality and intellect by means of classes in basic educational subjects.

Conclusion

Formal testing on this occasion places Mabel in the borderline category, between subnormal and normal intelligence levels.

E. Blundell.

See report on 22.10.68. Clinical Psychologist

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OF

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

CASE PAPER—MENTAL DEFICIENCY

12,765

NAME COOPER, Mabel.

Sex Female.

Reg. No. 10,794

Reception Order by William James Dartnall (L.C.C.) Date 21.11.57. (Section 6)
 Certificates Dr. Geraldine Casey and Dr. Jessie Edwards.

Dr. G. Casey:- Imbecile. A girl of 13 yrs. whose intelligence is not superior to that of the average 7 yr. old child. She is educationally very backward - being practically illiterate. Reads a few 2 letter words only. Is almost totally ignorant of the 4 rules of number. Her level of comprehension is barely on a par with her mental age and she has no money sense. She is dull and slow in response, lacks reasoning power and appears to have no general knowledge whatever, being incapable of telling the time.

Miss Creffield (House-Mother). At Hutton for about 3 months. Excitable & childish. Takes time to settle. Nocturnal Enuresis.

Records: In residential institutions all her life. Taken into care Sept. 1944. Council assumed Rights and Powers June 1947. Res.E.S.N.School 1955. Subsequently deemed ineducable.

Dr. J. Edwards: Imbecile. She can read only a few 2 & 3 letter words in hesitant & guessing manner. She says 6d - 2d = 3d & cannot give cost of 2 eggs @ 3d each. She does not recognise the 4 common coins & does not know left from right. She does not understand difference. A simple rather babyish little girl.

A.A. 13 3/12, M.A.6.2, I.Q.43%. Needs care, protection and training. Records show child has been at Boarding ESN School from 28.2.55. but did not make progress in education

PART A. To be completed for all admissions

1. Date of Admission and Birth Day Mth. Year Admission ... 21 11 57 Birth ... 10 8 44 <i>(illegitimate)</i>		2. Institution St. Lawrence's Hospital, Caterham, Surrey.		3. Region 8	4. Patient's General Reference Number 10,794
5. Surname (Block Capitals) COOPER Christian Names Mabel		6. Home Address In the County of London - of no fixed abode	7. Sex Male 1 Female 2	8. Age (last birthday) at admission 13	9. Marital State Single 1 Married 2 Widowed 3 Judicially separated 4 Divorced 5 Not known V
10. Religion C. of E. ① R.C. 2 Non-Con. 3 Jewish 4 Other 5 No religion 6 Not known V	11. I.Q. or M.A. (on admission) (Binet type) 7A 5 years 7 months 2Q 42 Binet L.	12. Type of Admission Direct 1 Indirect, by transfer from:— Institution 2 Guardianship 3	13. Classification Health Service 1 Private 2	14. Mode of Admission Sec. 3 1 Sec. 6 2 Sec. 8 3 Sec. 9 4 Other 5	15. Previous Admissions to Mental Hospitals Not so admitted 1 Under Section 16 2 Not under Section 16 3 Both under Section 16 and otherwise 4 Not known V Date of first statutory admission
16. Occupation and Industry Patient's own 1 Other Persons 2 None stated 3 A. Immediately before admission Occupation Industry B. Regular (if different from A) Occupation Industry Code Number (leave blank)					

17. Diagnosis on Admission

- (a) Principal Condition
- (b) Secondary Condition

Code Number (leave blank)

18. Particulars of later Indirect Admissions

Dates
Admission regularised
Lapse of R.O. (new order made)

19. Patient's General Reference Number(s) at earlier and later admissions