

Statement by Tom Dobbie regarding events that have taken place at 38 St Asaph Road, Great Sutton, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, CH66 2GP. These events are snapshots of things that happened frequently. Mr and Mrs Dobbie discussed resolutions to these on many occasions. Mrs Dobbie made some progress, but lacked consistency in her following up.



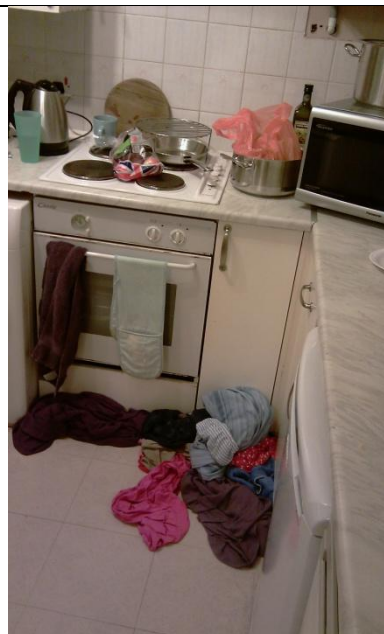
Hole kicked in living room door by Mrs Dobbie in front of children during morning stress with children. This was during her time complying with Social Services. This was seen by Rob English and Lydia. She went out and bought Polyfilla foam to fill in the hole.

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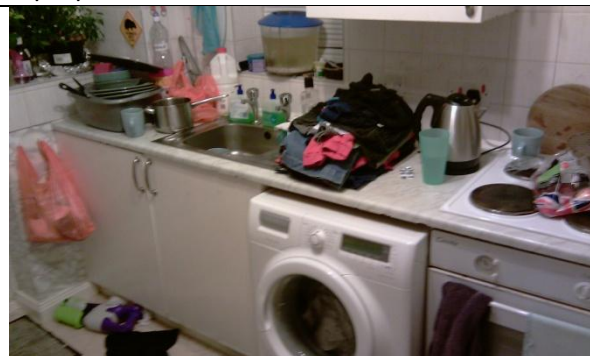
Pot had been dangerously blocking the microwave oven vents during use. Mrs Dobbie got very angry for Mr Dobbie mentioning this. This oven (£200) was thrown into the garage and broken by Mrs Dobbie because it was dirty inside after she refused to clean it.

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Kitchen as frequently found and cleaned up by Mr Dobbie on returning home from work. Washing dumped on floor.

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Kitchen dishes, food remnants, packaging, washing all dropped onto sink worktop area. Toys, bits of food and packaging on floor.

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Food left out, hair dye left lying for Orion to find, rubbish bag placed next to heat source from fridge.

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Books, magazines, pencils, toys and Mrs Dobbie's satchel left at side of couch.

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Food left on plates, food and drink left on table, toys left lying out of box.

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One of a number of severe slaps received by Aurora from Mrs Dobbie after argument with Aurora. This one was at the time we were already talking to social services and Mrs Dobbie was deemed to be complying with them.

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Close up of excessive slap.

Note: After the incident on 23rd July. Aurora was prevented from seeing, or talking, or writing to her father by Mrs Dobbie for three weeks. During this isolated period, when asked by the second social intervention (Dana Murray) about treatment from both parents, Aurora mentioned remembering being smacked by her dad hardest.

There was no mention of the event in this photograph. There was no mention from Aurora of her being terrified on at least two occasions after being hit by Mrs Dobbie and phoning her dad sobbing and pleading the police to be sent; even though these events were acknowledged by Mrs Dobbie to social services during the first social services intervention (Caroline Harley).
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Close up of same excessive slap.

It was only through Mr Dobbie taking legal action that Aurora was removed from this isolation imposed by Mrs Dobbie.

After being freed from seeing Mrs Dobbie only, Aurora reported this event and possibly some of the others to social services.

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Video recording



Aurora has been screaming and crying as a result of Mrs Dobbie brushing, combing and washing Aurora's hair. This has been happening since Aurora was a toddler. Graham and Lydia have witnessed this type of event.

On many occasions, I have taken over from Mrs Dobbie and completed the task with no discomfort to Aurora.

I have purchased anti tangle sprays, low sting shampoos and soft brushes on a number of occasions.

Mrs Dobbie greatly resents me for this. She has mainly carried on abusing Aurora rather than letting someone else carry out the task.

On this occasion, Aurora had head lice. I have treated Aurora for head lice before on a number of occasions using the conditioner and comb technique with no crying or significant discomfort to Aurora. In fact, we had good chin wagging time.

Here, I had stepped back and watched as Mrs Dobbie tried to accomplish this herself, but she got very angry and refused to stop hurting Aurora. She would not let me take over the task. In frustration to stop Aurora being abused, I told Mrs Dobbie that I would video her. The only difference it made to her was she stopped swearing.

I didn't realise, nor did she, that the audio was not switched on.

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Video recording.



Aurora has had frequently troubled sleep since being a small child. In the early days Mrs Dobbie would just sit on the side of the bed and stare at Aurora for a very long time, not doing anything. I would take over and comfort Aurora; waking her up if necessary and giving her a drink and show a strong positive empathy with Aurora.

Mrs Dobbie got angry on a number of occasions with me for suggesting she could be more positive in addressing Aurora's problem.

On this occasion, Aurora appeared to be sleep walking. She was sobbing, crying, gurgling and flailing her arms and legs. I was concerned there was a neurological problem after Aurora's difficult birth. Aurora wouldn't waken. Mrs Dobbie got angry with Aurora and was going to force her back to bed. I persuaded Mrs Dobbie to call for an ambulance while I comforted Aurora. I wanted to show the medical people what was happening, so I asked Mrs Dobbie to hold Aurora. Mrs Dobbie was still behaving angry with Aurora.

When the ambulance service arrived, they were perplexed at Aurora's condition. They hadn't seen anything like this. I attended hospital with Aurora, where she underwent various tests. Aurora was discharged later in the morning and I brought her home in a taxi.

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Audio recording.

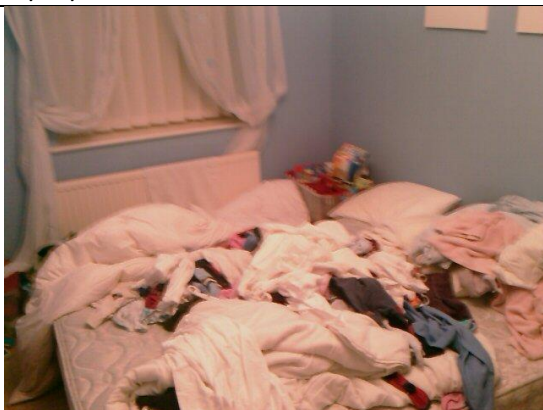
Mrs Dobbie is having a problem changing Orion's nappy and is abusing him.

The problem is historical. Mrs Dobbie detests faeces on nappies. When faced with changing a soiled nappy, she becomes very tense and handles the baby rough. This became a feedback mechanism between her and Orion which made the situation much worse – with Orion screaming, crying and being handled very roughly at best, and slapped on occasions.

This was mainly resolved by Mr Dobbie taking over for almost all soiled nappies.

Mrs Dobbie did try and improve the situation by introducing laughter at the start, but, as on this occasion it reverts to Orion being roughly handled, screaming and crying – and shouting for his daddy to rescue him.

22/06/2009.



Main bedroom where somebody would sleep with Orion. Large piles of washing, ironing and assorted bedding would be thrown onto the floor to allow people to sleep.

Mrs Dobbie had three blank canvasses above the pillow area.

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Audio recording.

Mrs Dobbie is having a conflict with Aurora and slapping her. Orion is present and he is shouting. Mrs Dobbie finally leaves with Orion telling him that Aurora is naughty – ensuring Aurora hears her.

I am concerned she is not only teaching Orion the wrong way to manage by conflict, but setting him up to participate in future domestic violence.

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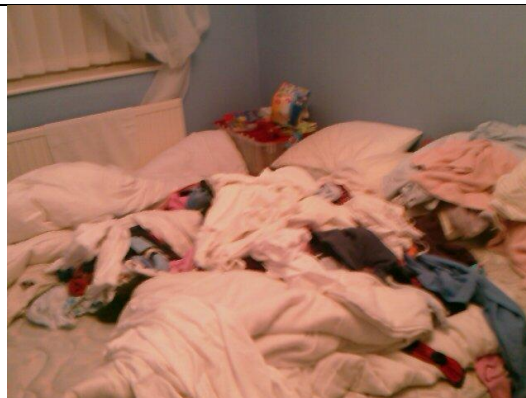


Bed covered in clothing and bed clothing. Mrs Dobbie's brandy flask, books, torches and things on bedside cabinet. Ironing board out with underwear and clothing stored on it.

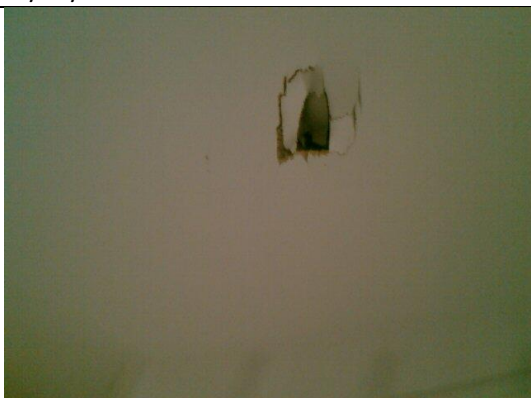
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Hole kicked in Aurora's bedroom door by Mrs Dobbie in front of children.

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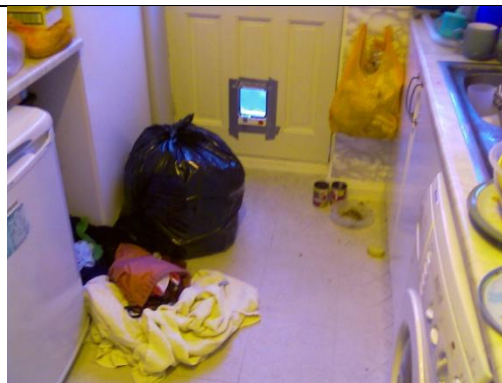
Snapshot of house. In morning. All pots in use – left dirty.

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Rug on floor bought by TWD to cover food marks. Mrs Dobbie put it in the garden after it got dirty. She left it in the garden in the rain to rot and threw it out.

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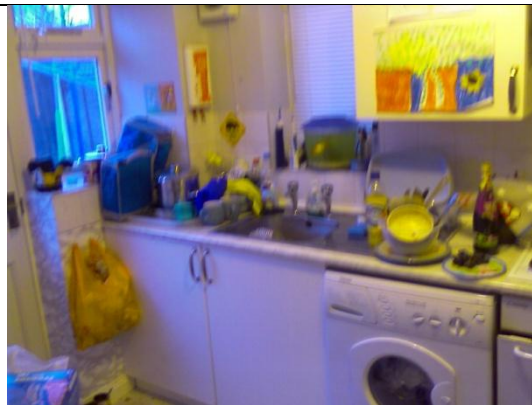
Cat food out – Orion has sometimes eaten or played with this. Mrs Dobbie got angry whenever I mentioned the threat to Orion from his playing in the garden with cat faeces.

Rubbish stored in the kitchen and dirty clothes dumped on the kitchen floor.

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Food generally lying about, even with plenty of cupboard space.
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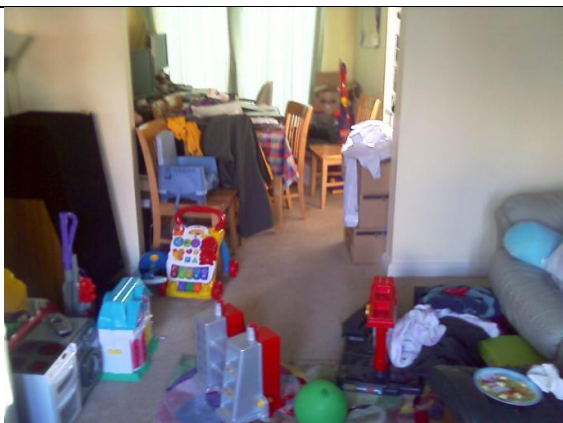
Dirty dishes, pots, dirty lunch bags filling the work tops.
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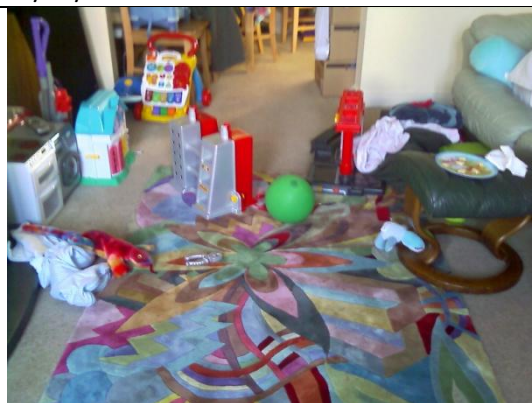
Leftover dirty pots from previous evening.
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Untidy work top with left over dirty dishes and left out food left out used paper tissues. Baby monitor was brought downstairs by Mr Dobbie as Mrs Dobbie seemed to have difficulty hearing distressed children upstairs.
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Food left out on plates. Toys not cleared up.
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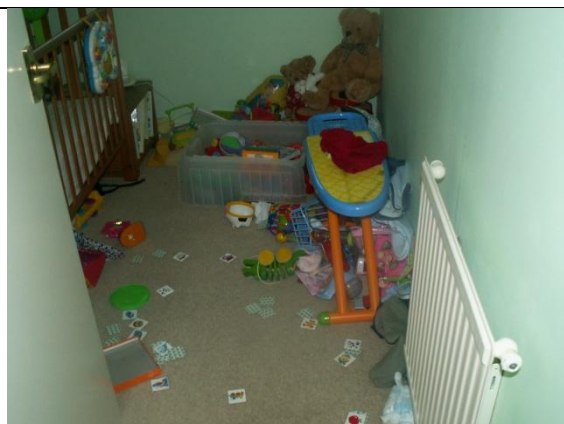


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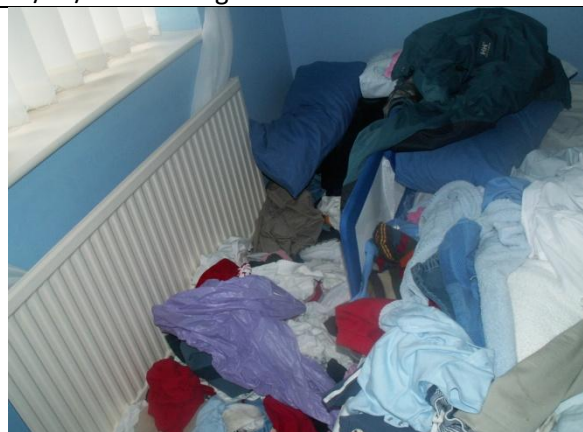
Household snapshot on Sunday lunch time. Mrs Dobbie angry with Mr Dobbie for staying behind in house and not going out with Children and her. Mr Dobbie staying to clean up house.

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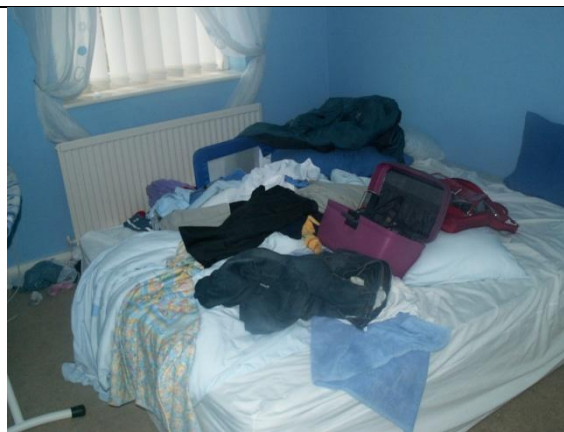
Orion's room. Cot on LHS is coldest place in entire house.

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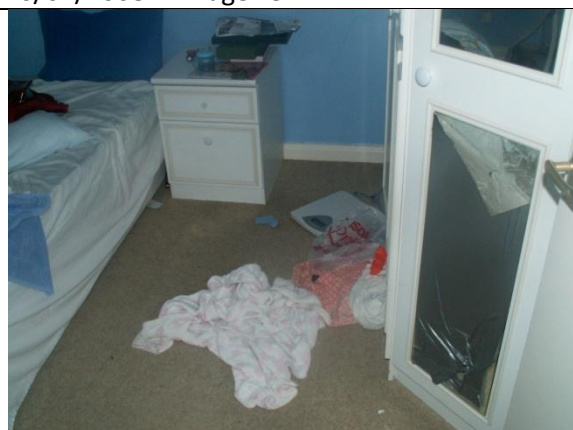
Main bedroom. Clean and dirty clothing piled high on floor and bed.

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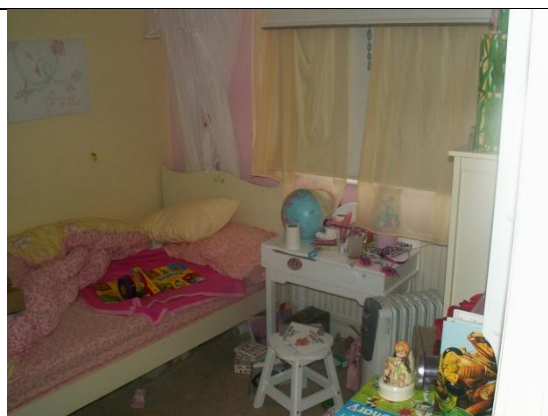
Baby 'gate' seen at back of bed to prevent Orion rolling out in night time.

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Mrs Dobbie kicked the wardrobe door and smashed the mirror. As a safety issue, Mr Dobbie put duck tape over the mirror.

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Aurora room. Untidy, but roomy. Mr Dobbie disagreed with bigger and more wardrobes and much bigger bed. Full length wardrobe not seen on LHS. Mrs Dobbie got angry about Mr Dobbie not wanting more in room.

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Aurora room showing large wardrobes on LHS. Untidy. Door on LHS was the one that Mrs Dobbie kicked a hole in while arguing with Aurora.

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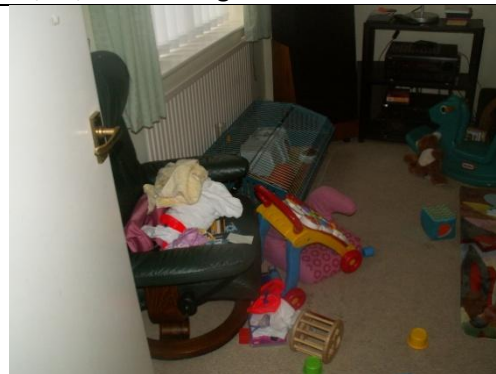


Downstairs toilet. This was designated the only toilet for Mr Dobbie to use by Mrs Dobbie. She filled it with shoes and clutter. Sometimes it was almost impossible to get in – witnessed Rob English and babysitter.

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Hamsters living in living room along with cat and assortment of toys.

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Things left out and not put away.

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Things piled up on worktop area. Rubbish left on floor.

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Washing left on kitchen floor. Mr Dobbie complained of trip hazard close to cooker. Mrs Dobbie angry at comments.

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Dishes, rubbish, leftover food, wrapping paper piled onto sink worktop and windowsill. Sink left filled with dirty dishes.

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This information is in support of other statements made by Mr Dobbie and other witnesses.

End of Statement by Tom Dobbie.