

LANCASHIRE MENTAL DEFICIENCY COMMITTEE

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE**

**In the matter of** *Wilhelmina D.....*  
of *(..... ) Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester*  
in the [City] [County] [Borough] of *Lancaster*  
an alleged defective (hereinafter called the alleged defective).

**D.P.4**  
Mental Deficiency

**I, the undersigned** *J. B. Holmes*  
**do hereby certify** as follows :-

(a) The Examination must have taken place not more than seven clear days before the date of the presentation of the petition.

(b) State whether an idiot an imbecile a feeble-minded person or a moral imbecile

(c) Give date when observed

(d) Insert postal address

1. I am a person registered under the Medical Acts, and I am in the actual practice of the medical profession [ and approved by the Lancashire Asylums Board being the Local Authority for the [City] [County] [Borough] of *Lancaster*] [by the Board of Control] for the purpose of giving medical certificates under the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913] [and the usual medical attendant of the alleged defective].
2. On the 17<sup>th</sup> day of *March* 1921 , (a) at *67 High Lane, Chorlton c Hardy, Manchester* in the [City] [County] [Borough] of *Lancaster* separately from any other practitioner, I personally examined the alleged defective, and satisfied myself that She was (b) *a feeble - minded person*
3. I formed this conclusion on the following grounds, viz. :-  
**A) Facts observed by myself.**  
(i) At the time of examination:  
*Marked lack of concentration - great difficulty to get the child to answer questions (i.e. of the simplest kind); will talk about one thing while I was asking her questions about something quite different. She has not the usual capabilities of a child her age - could not add pennies together - nor small figures.*  
(ii) previously to the examination; (c) ~~*Father has noticed her being slower in learning the even the most elementary things for the last 4 or 5 years.*~~  
*I have only seen the child on one or 2 occasions - & have always regarded her as simple.*  
**B) Facts communicated by others;**  
*Father has noticed her being slower in learning even the most elementary things during the last 4 or 5 years.*
4. The alleged defective appeared to me [not] to be in a fit condition of bodily health to be removed.

**Dated** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of *March* 1921

**Signed** *J B (-?) Holmes*

of (d) *67 High Lane,*

*Chorlton c Hardy, Manchester*

N.B. – Strike out the words in brackets where not required