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Dear Dr Mayne

GRO-A DOB: **GRO-A** 59

Your patient shown above has made a request to the Trust for financial assistance which will be considered by our Trustees at their meeting in three weeks' time.

Since on present policy single payments are almost invariably 'health-related' the Trustees have decided that the anonymous case summaries which they receive in advance of their meetings should contain up-to-date health information gathered in a consistent fashion. To meet this aim, where the health information held on the particular patient is older than 6 months a doctor's report will be requested.

In practice, the total number of Doctor's Reports requested each year will not exceed 100 and therefore any doctor is unlikely to be asked to complete more than 5 per year. The Doctor's Report form has been designed to be completed in less than 5 minutes and we hope that doctor's will find the form preferable to writing 'supporting letters'!

All information contained in the completed report will be treated as given in confidence to the Trust and will not be shared with the patient concerned. Information provided of a complex technical nature will be drawn to the attention of our medical Trustee (currently Dr Winter from Canterbury) who will 'translate' it for the other Trustees.

I would be grateful if you would complete the enclosed form. The consent form copy is provided for your records and should be detached from the report before it is returned to us. We hope you are reassured that, apart from a DOB, the report form does not show any of your patient's personal details so that, in the unlikely event that it is lost in the post, confidentiality is safeguarded. If, for any reason, you feel unable to meet our request please return the form to us rather than pass it on to a colleague to complete.

Yours sincerely

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Clerical Assistant

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