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De Jane.

Re: GRO-A / GRO-A GRO-A

Thank you for your letter concerning the case of GRO-A who has vCJD, your reference GRO-A I wrote back to you on 26<sup>th</sup> July asking if I could come and discuss the implications of the developing treatment of the disease but am yet to receive a reply. However, in the meantime Mrs GRO-A has been back in touch as she is desperate for the Trust (which was set up to basically pay compensation to the estate of the deceased) to help fund a suitable house where she can care for her son, GRO-A The problem is that patients are now living longer and this was not taken into account when the Trust was set up. I understand from Mrs GRO-A that in order for her request to be considered this has to get ministerial approval that the money can now be used to care for the living. She has been told by Charles Russell, the firm of solicitors who act for the Trust that this may take weeks. I would be grateful for anything you can do to speed this process up as my constituent is at present living in totally suitable accommodation (which I have seen) and she is understandably distressed and upset at the continuing obstacles that face her.

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