



The North Hampshire HAEMOPHILIA CENTRE

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MWH NHS Trust

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8th July 1996

Dr. P. J. White
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Dear Dr. White,

RE: GARY WEBSTER - d.o.b. GRO-C 65
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Gary was reviewed by Mr. Browne in our combined Orthopaedic/Haemophilia Clinic on 5th July 1996 with fresh X-rays of his right knee. He bleeds once on average per month into and around this joint and he has to wear double tubigrip to reduce the swelling around his knee. On examination, Gary's knee was painful behind and around the knee cap which was rubbing into the metal joint. Mr. Browne advised that a piece of plastic may be required to alleviate this rubbing but this might not alleviate all his symptoms. The risk of infection following such an operation and the life of the replaced knee joint (November 1989) were taken into consideration and it was felt that this was not worth doing at present. Mr. Browne also advised that some synovial tissue was left behind when the knee was replaced and that this explains the presence of a chronic effusion on the recent X-rays.

With regard to his addiction to pain killers, Mr. Browne advised that the state of his knees and his complaints do not warrant any pain killers.

As you probably know, Gary has been crippled with haemophilic arthropathy from very early in life which led to his first major complicated operation on his left knee in September 1980 at St. Thomas' Hospital, copy of letter enclosed, where I believe his addiction to painkillers started. Whilst a student boarding at Lord Mayor Treloar College until he left in July 1983, we were aware of this problem and Gary demanded pain killers for even minor bleeds, but only very rarely was he given Panadol, having been convinced that Factor VIII would alleviate any pain if the bleeding was arrested.

Gary was diagnosed as having AIDS because of oesophageal candidiasis in December 1990 and has been doing well on AZT, Fluconazole and Septrin every since. He is always aware of his lost friends who died from AIDS and sometimes asks us "why am I

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