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Dear

How are you? I hope you are well.

Yesterday the Trustees considered your requests for financial assistance towards a respite break and a landscape gardener. Unfortunately on this occasion, they have declined your requests for the following reasons:

- Respite break – a summer payment was made in May to cover this type of request.
- Landscape gardener – this is not within the Trust's remit.

However, if you wish to appeal against these decisions, you may do so. You will need to supply us with reasons as to why you feel assistance should be given and this can be presented to the NSSC for consideration. Please note that NSSC meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month and all documentation must be received at least 10 days before the meeting.

The NSSC also noted that you have been receiving an additional sum of £70.00 per month. It appears that additional assistance was awarded to you in 2002 for a period of 12 months. However, due to an oversight, this assistance has continued past the allocated time. A breakdown of the regular payments you should be receiving is as follows:

Standard rate:	£305.00
DLA Care & Mobility supplement:	£ 61.00
Allowance for wife:	<u>£ 30.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>£396.00</u>

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Although they do not require you to reimburse us the overpayment, they have asked that your monthly payments are reduced in line with the regular payment that you should be receiving. It is the Trust's policy to give three months before reductions are made so your regular payments will be reduced to £396.00 with effect from September 2006.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

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