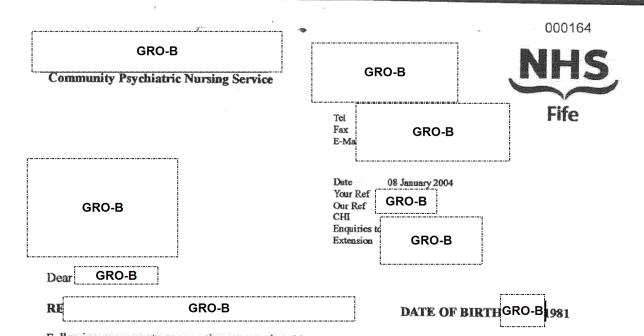
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Following our recent conversation concerning this young man I called out to see him at his father's home on Wednesday 10th December 2003.

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As you are aware B has recently been feeling fairly stressed and agitated concerning the ongoing problems which he has with his physical health and the restrictions which he feels this places upon his lifestyle. His recent discussion with yourself however appears to have allowed him to ventilate many of his frustrations and he told me that he had been feeling much calmer and more philosophical about his problems during recent days. In general he feels that he copes relatively well with his difficulties but admits that at times he can understandably feel rather bitter and angry concerning his problems and has a tendency to compare himself unfavourably to other members of his peer group. Although GRO-B

GRO-B He also appears to keep himself fairly busy and told me that he has a number of good mends with whom he has regular social contact GRO-B reported no experience of any undue side effects from the Ribavirin medication which he has recently been started on and he doesn't feel that this has had an adverse impact upon his mood level or general mental health.

At the end of our meeting my impression was that GRO-B had been feeling acutely stressed by the recent changes in his treatment concerning his Hepatitis C and that this had manifested itself as anger and frustration, perhaps due to some difficulty he was experiencing in expressing his feelings. As GRO-B lid not feel the need for further supportive contact from myself I have not arranged another appointment to visit him again. I have however agreed to post out some educational material on anger management and temper control to him and have reassured him that he can be referred back to our Service at any point in the future should this be necessary.

