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Dear Dr GRO-B

RE: S GRO-B DOB GRO-B 71

Further to my letter of 5 January I recently reviewed S at the Haemophilia Clinic. As you know he has mild haemophilia with baseline factor VIII levels varying between 12 and 17% of normal and a good response to intravenous infusion of DDAVP which in 1986 raised his factor VIIIIC level almost into the normal range at 49% of normal. He is now 17 years old and has just sat his prelims for school higher examinations and when he leaves school he is hoping to go to GRO-B to do Business Economics. His elder brother S2 also has mild haemophilia and attends our unit. As you know S's only major problem since he was transferred in 1986 from GRO-B Hospital was a haemarthrosis of the right knee requiring prolonged bed rest, physiotherapy and treatment with Cryoprecipitate. His right knee has slowly settled and he has had no further bleeds and his general health is good. He plays tennis and golf and has taken up jogging and is a pleasant, sensible lad. His teeth are in good condition and he attends his own dentist who knows of the need to contact us in the event of dental extractions to arrange haemostatic cover. He has a haemophilia card.

Physical examination was unremarkable. His joints were all normal and he had a full range of movement in the right knee. Full blood count, platelet count and differential white cell count were normal as were blood urea and electrolytes, liver function tests, serum proteins and immunoglobulins. Screening for hepatitis B surface antigen and HIV antibody were negative. I am chasing up results of hepatitis B antibody since if this is negative we should offer him hepatitis B vaccination since he may require further blood products at some time in the future. For example for major injury or surgery where DDAVP infusion may be insufficient haemostatic cover he may require Cryoprecipitate or factor VIII concentrate. He knows to attend the unit at any time in the event of bleeding, injury, surgery or need for dental extraction and we shall review him at the Haemophilia Clinic.

Yours sincerely

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