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Dr. McMillin,  
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cc: Dr. H. McMillen, S.C.M.O.  
Mr. J. Eakin, Senior Ed. Psycholc

Dear Dr. McMillin,

re: Claire Roberts, [REDACTED] (DOB 10.1.87)

Claire was seen at the Assessment Clinic on the 8th August at the age of 3 years 7 months. Her mother tells me that her general health is very satisfactory but she was a little anxious as she felt that she might have had further minor convulsive episodes. Evidently they heard her snorting in bed one night and she opened her eyes and stared, she gave a cry and went back to sleep. This is most disappointing as Claire has been fit free for 2½ years. Her parents have been looking forward to her being weaned off the anticonvulsant so I have suggested that we arrange for an EEG to be carried out. However if she has a further similar episode I will increase her anticonvulsant immediately.

On clinical examination she looked well and there was no evidence of infection.

Gross Motor Development: The Physiotherapist did not assess Claire today but states that there have been no difficulties in this developmental field.

Fine Motor Development: The Occupational Therapist reports poor progress since the last clinic visit. She enjoys building blocks and is just beginning to line them. She has only the early concept of size. She will stack rings, knows when the order is incorrect but is unable to correct them, though she will vocalise too small etc. She finds shapes difficult because she is so easily distracted from the task.

Pencil-skills: She still is unaware of the correct end of the pencil but can now make a wide scribble. She has no concept of colour matching.

Speech Development: Expressive skills - her output is still mostly inappropriate. However there has been an improvement as her mother understands the aim of therapy. <sup>has been</sup> There/no significant improvement noted in her grammar or vocabulary scores.

The Speech Therapist carried out a Reynell Developmental Language Test today and her age equivalent was 2.03 years at a chronological age of 3.07 years.

In summary Claire is a physically healthy young girl of 3½ years of age. She shows moderate learning difficulties and has been formally assessed. I understand that she should commence Castlereagh Nursery School in September with additional help.

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Claire Roberts

The Occupational Therapist will continue to see her and arrangements will be made for Speech Therapy. Unfortunately the Speech Therapist has resigned and her replacement is not yet in post.

I would intend seeing Claire at this Clinic in approximately 6 months time.

Yours sincerely,



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