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

Dear Dr. McMillin,

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

Claire was seen at the Assessment Clinic on the 28th February at the age of 3 years 1 month. Both parents were pleased with her general health and her progress since the last visit. They tell me that she has had no further convulsions and continues on a small dose of Epilim 2.5 ml b.d.

I intended to arrange a serum valproate level today but unfortunately this was not carried out. I will organise this at her therapy review appointment.

While the parents reported pleasure with her progress, this was not confirmed by our Therapists today.

Gross Motor Development: There is no real problem in this developmental field. Her co-operation for ball play is reduced as one would expect. She is also unable to ride a tricycle.

Fine Motor Development: The Occupational Therapist unfortunately reports little change in her play level. She does state that she settles better in the chair. She builds 6 blocks high but no evidence of lining them. She has no concept of size. She will select a circle and experiments with other shapes. She loses interest quickly. The highlight today was the fact that she replaced some pieces of an inset tray accurately. She knows the correct end of a pencil and makes a vague scribble on paper. Her mother has been working at colour matching for some time but she has not achieved this yet. yet

Speech Development: Claire communicates by speech but most of the time she utters inappropriate learned phrases. The Speech Therapist is trying to encourage her mother to ignore the inappropriate phrases while encouraging the more appropriate ones. She is able to label noun pictures and some verb pictures appropriately.

On the receptive side she was able to select objects and pictures and miniatures, when her behaviour allows. She also responded to some 2 noun commands. An attempt at Reynell was carried out and the result was possibly around the 2 year old level.

In summary Claire has made minimal progress since her last clinic visit in spite of maximum stimulation by her mother. Her mother hopes that she will attend Castlereagh Nursery School in September but realises that the school will require additional help for her. She has agreed to a formal assessment being carried out with this view in mind. I will inform

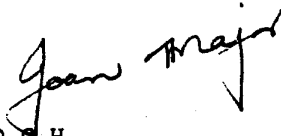
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Claire Roberts

Mr. John Eakin, Senior Educational Psychologist, and Dr. Helen McMillen, Senior Clinical Medical Officer, about this. The procedure should be started almost immediately.

I intend reviewing Claire in 4-5 months time. At the next visit I would consider discontinuing her Epilim.

Yours sincerely,



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