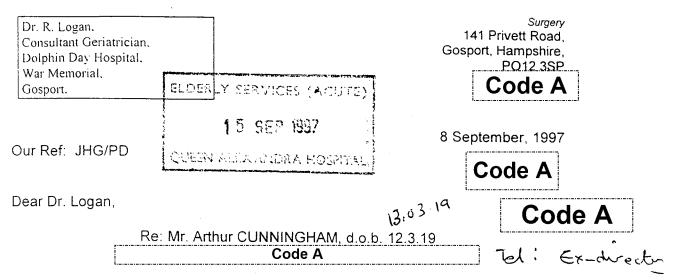


Dr John H. Grocock



I would be most grateful if you could undertake a domiciliary visit on this gentleman as I wondered whether he was a candidate for re-assessment at the Dolphin Day Hospital. He was under your care in 1994/95 when he attended the Day Hospital.

He is a war pensioner who injured his back during the last war requiring a bone graft, and has since had some weakness in his legs. He developed Parkinsons in the mid 1980s, he has been on Levadopa since 1987, has been on antihypertensives since you last saw him, and in 1986 was found to be diabetic and presented with weight loss. He had a random glucose of 23.

The major problems that he is running into currently are with his Parkinsons which has slowly become worse, and less responsive to the Levadopa. There is response but for shorter periods of time. Unfortunately attempts to increase the dose resulted in dystonic movements. I did try adding Amantadine as well. Unfortunately this seemed to provide no benefit and has been stopped. I have also stopped the Selegeline which he was on. As you know, it has gone out of favour, and although initially he was keen to carry on with it, following a number of articles in the Parkinsonian press, he has decided he would prefer to be off it, and we stopped it. He is now wearing a lumbar support from Dr. Shaban as he has lost some of his lower body strength because he spends most of his time now sitting in a chair. He is currently taking the medication as attached.

I would be grateful for any suggestions that you might have.

The most recent blood tests I have done were in June when he had an HbA1c of 5.1, normal urea and electrolytes, random glucose 6.8.

