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Dear Anne

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ARTHUR CUNNINGHAM, DOB Code A

~~HA: MERLIN PARK REST HOME, FORT ROAD, GOSPORT~~

I would be grateful if Mr Cunningham could please attend once a week. He is extremely dystonic now and has lost a lot of weight. I would like the following done please:

- 1 Us&Es, liver function tests, calcium, glucose, thyroid function tests and full blood count.
- 2 Lying and standing blood pressure done at each visit.
- 3 If severe dystonias are a problem, reduce the 6.00 am dose of Co-careldopa from 250 to 110 in the first instance, but also check with the rest home as to whether there are episodes of shuffling, freezing and rigidity.
- 4 Check with the rest home as to the frequency of Diazepam. They are documenting this in a book which Mr Cunningham signs as he has phoned his relatives saying he is being "drugged up".
- 5 Could the physiotherapist please assess him.
- 6 Could the occupational therapist please see him at Merlin Park Rest Home with a view to a more suitable bed and rails. Mr Cunningham himself is unsure as to whether he will stay at Merlin Park and we will need to check this with the Social Worker before adaptations are put in.
- 7 If his mood remains low, he may need assessment by Dr Banks.

With many thanks and best wishes.

Yours sincerely  
Code A

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*P.S. Please phone GP to find out current address if DDH is still required*

*25/6 in Alverstoke N/H 252.  
I was going to book him in Jan 6/7/98 but will wait to hear from S.W. S. Golding p.m. today.  
Thanks,  
Anne 22/6*