

ELDERLY SERVICES (ACUTE)

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Dear Dr Grocock Dr. Lord

Brian (Arthur) CUNNINGHAM : Code A

Formerly of : Merlin Park Rest Home, Alverstoke, GOSPORT

Currently at : Alverstoke House Nursing Home, Somervell Close, GOSPORT

Mr Cunningham was brought to Gosport War Memorial Hospital by Shaun Golding of Social Services on the 22 June 1998. I saw him on behalf of Dr Banks. Mr Cunningham had spent the previous night with a friend, having decided he no longer wished to stay at Merlin Park. He was quite adamant that he did not wish to return there.

As you are aware he has a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease. He has experienced some visual hallucinations, probably secondary to his medication for his Parkinson's disease. These hallucinations have not been troublesome recently. He saw Dr Lord on the 19 June 1998 and I understand that she is planning to bring him to Dolphin Day Hospital for further assessment.

On testing his cognitive functioning, there is clear evidence of impairment, especially in the short term memory. He scored 23/29 on a Folstein Mini Mental State Examination. He was clearly very dissatisfied with his present situation, having moved from living in his warden controlled accommodation to Merlin Park. He told me that he really wanted to go to the RAF Home at Storrington, or failing that, Solent Heights at Lee on Solent, but I understand that the problems were with funding.

When I saw Mr Cunningham he had not had any medication for 24 hours. I felt that there was no acute mental health problem and that he did not require admission to Mulberry Ward.

I advised Mr Golding to obtain his medication from Merlin Park and to find emergency placement for Mr Cunningham.

I will review him again in about 2 weeks time.

Yours sincerely

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