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Dear Vicky

WARD VISIT - MULBERRY A, GWMH
 ARTHUR CUNNINGHAM, DOB Code A
 HA: ALVERSTOKE HOUSE NURSING HOME,
 SOMERVELL CLOSE, GOSPORT

I reviewed Mr Cunningham on Mulberry A on 27 August. I gather that he is due to be discharged to Thalassa Nursing Home on 28 August, but had problems today with retention of urine, was catheterised and had a residual volume of 1900 mls, and a further 800 mls was emptied this afternoon as well. He denies constipation, he is eating better and his weight in early August had improved to 69.7 kg. He is much better in his mood although apprehensive about the discharge tomorrow. His parkinson's disease seems a little worse, he had a little increase in stiffness but I gather he now takes 1 or 2 people to transfer and is not really mobile. Although he releases the brakes on his wheelchair he does not wheel himself either.

In the long term he may require more Levodopa but I am unkeen to do this at this stage as I feel it would upset his mental state and may make settling down at Thalassa more difficult. I feel that discharge tomorrow could go ahead as planned and feel that the deterioration in renal function is due to his retention of urine.

I hope to contact the occupational therapists as regards assessment at Thalassa Nursing Home on discharge as I feel he will need adequate rails to help with his transfers. I also hope to review him in Dolphin Day Hospital on 14 September to monitor his parkinson's disease, weight, urinary retention, full blood count and renal function.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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