

20 November 1989

Dr. Sorby,
Consultant Psychiatrist,
Park Drevett Hospital.

Dear Dr. Sorby,

Mrs Gladys Mabel RICHARDS (dob. 11.6.07)
86 Ellen Gardens, Chisleham

I believe Karen Disney will be speaking to you about this elderly patient of mine who lives with her daughter, Mrs. Lesley Lack who is the Matron of Ashcombe Lodge in Woking Road. Mrs. Richards has been widowed 34 years and has generally been in good health except for suffering from polymyalgia rheumatica in 1967. Because of this she is still on Prednisolone, now at a dose of 1 mg. daily and I am planning to stop this in the next 6 months. She is quite a lively lady who is left of her own during the day while her daughter works and there is obviously considerable friction at home between the two of them, which I believe has reduced Mrs. Richards confidence to a point where she is more forgetful and careless than she would have been otherwise. She has apparently been known to leave the gas taps on and has been muddled and forgetful in other activities around the house. This has aggravated the friction between her and her daughter even more, but her daughter feels she is suffering from Alzheimers disease.

I myself do not feel this is the cause, but would value your assessment of her and I have discussed with Mrs. Richards the possibility of going into alternative accommodation which she would see as the best course of action.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J.C. Pagan