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Date: I T October 1998

Dear David,

The situation to date following our telephone conversation of last week.

There have been three risk assessments recorded with review dates set for each, copies of each are enclosed.

Agnes is transferred with a hoist and sling, OT has assessed and following her recommendations the sling was purchased.

Agnes uses her bedroom to transfer from wheelchair to commode and vice versa, she spends the day in the wheelchair, for safety, dignity and social interaction. As Agnes has this restless fidgety nature, at times she wears the lap strap, but only when staff cannot closely supervise her and this is recorded on a chart (copy enclosed). She also spends time on the fleece one way slide sheet, this prevents her falling, but again she only spends about two hours on this, and then it is replaced by the propane pad.

I have spoken to her about the use of the lap strap and she told me it was for her safety, I asked if she minded wearing it and she said no only sometimes it was restrictive when she wanted to get up and go for a walk!

The staff team, team leaders and myself have all observed Agnes and she remains content and does not mention the lap strap when worn. It is never tight - loose for precaution. The following people have all been involved and are aware of the care she is receiving: GP, District Nurse, O.T, Hartismere hospital physiotherapist, son and family, Manual handling and back care training officer, Assessor (ACCESS) Area manager Sue Stabb, Key worker Doreen Reilly, the care team and the senior staff team.

Sincerely,