

21 October 2014

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Solicitors & Notaries
57 High Street
Leven
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Dear Sir

RE: GRAHAM ROBERT SMART

I refer to your letter dated 16/10/14 requesting past records and issuing us with appropriate signed mandate from Mr Graham Smart.

Graham was only with us for two years therefore we have limited records. We also had a fire in school a number of years ago and all education records in archive storage were destroyed.

Graham's consultant was Dr Christopher Steer who can be contacted at Medical Paediatrics, Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy on 01592-643355 Ext. 28635. Dr Steer's secretary may be able to provide you with past clinic reports.

I hope this proves helpful in preparing for trial.

Yours faithfully



Elizabeth Duff
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31 March 2004

Dr Hadden
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Kirkcaldy

Dear Dr Hadden

Graham Smart, 103 Tarvit Terr, Springfield, Fife
Dob: 18.03.88

Thank you for seeing Graham earlier at our request. Graham continues on his once daily Concerta XL with good effect for his attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. However, since early December we have evidenced an increased level of physical aggression. This reached crisis point with Graham being suspended twice.

Graham is a May leaver due to his age and preference to leave school. He is not able to be looked after at home on a long-term basis.

He is very anxious regarding his future and I suspect this is the reason for some of his current difficulties.

A referral to Through Care has been accepted and an identified person recently became involved with Graham. They have carried out a risk assessment and are concerned that Graham's level of aggression will prevent him from making progress in the community.

I would be grateful for your opinion specifically regarding any additional treatment which would benefit his present level of aggression.

Yours sincerely

Liz Duff
Senior Mental Health (RMN)



**Dr Steer's Combined ADHD Clinic
1st April 2004**

Date dictated: 1st April 2004
Date typed: 5th May 2004
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Liz Duff
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BURNTISLAND

Dear Liz

Graham Smart, Starley Hall School, Aberdour Road, Burntisland
Date of birth: 18.3.88 (CHI No: 0333)

Thank you for your helpful letter about Graham and the unfortunate news that he is now becoming quite physically and verbally aggressive. I think that this may all be due to the fact that he is worried about leaving school, but it is also obvious that there is an element of Conduct Disorder creeping into his behaviour. I felt it was reasonable to check an EEG for him and also we have added in Clonidine to try and help him with his behaviour, and we will review him in 3 months' time. I enclose a copy letter that I have written to Graham's GP.

Yours sincerely

Celia Hadden

Dr Celia Hadden
CLINICAL ASSISTANT

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Dr I Halliday
Health Centre
70 Somerville Street
BURNTISLAND

Dear Dr Halliday

Graham Smart, Starley Hall School, Aberdour Road, Burntisland
Date of birth: 18.3.88 (CHI No: 0333)

DIAGNOSIS: ADHD and Conduct Disorder

MEDICATION: Concerta XL 36 mgs, two tablets in the morning

I reviewed Graham as an extra appointment at the school's request this morning because he has become very verbally aggressive and also showing physical aggression in school and at home since about January. At school he will punch and kick holes in the wall, he will go up on the roof and is a danger to himself. He is setting fires at home, and when asked about this he feels he is not doing anything wrong. Also in school he has shown evidence of becoming a bully, and is aggressive to mum on the weekends that he is home. His appetite is fine and his sleep is fine and he is taking his Concerta around 9 o'clock before he goes to school. School are really worried about this aggressive tendency as this may hinder his leaving Starley Hall at 16 and going into the through-care system where accommodation is arranged for him. I am not sure whether his worry about the future is causing him this difficulty with aggression, but it looks as if his ADHD is now turning into Conduct Disorder as well.

Having discussed the situation with Graham's Key Worker, I have planned an EEG just to ensure there is no physical reason why he might be having these rages, and we have added in Clonidine 25 micrograms 3 times a day, and I have given him a prescription for 100 tablets today, to see if this will take the edge off his aggression.

I have arranged review in 3 months' time, and will obviously keep you informed.

Yours sincerely

Celia Hadden

Dr Celia Hadden
CLINICAL ASSISTANT

Copy to: *Liz Duff*, Senior Mental Health Worker, Starley Hall School, Aberdour Road,
Burntisland.

Mrs Liz Duff
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Dear Mrs Duff

Graham Smart, Starley Hall School, Aberdour Road, Burntisland
Date of birth: 18.3.88 (CHI No: 0333)

Thanks for getting in touch concerning Graham. I reviewed his casefile and see that he was reviewed by my colleague, Dr Celia Hadden, in clinic on the 1st of April. The correspondence from that consultation is still on tape.

There should be no problem with "co-prescription" of Clonidine and Concerta together. If your Pharmacist wants to discuss this then really rather than acting unilaterally and not issuing prescriptions he should be discussing this with medical staff. There is no "contra-indication" based on both personal experience and the literature. Equally, you need not be worrying about recording blood pressure on a regular basis; this is something that we can do through clinic.

I hope that clarifies matters from the medical treatment perspective in a fairly complex situation. I was sorry to hear that Graham had experienced further difficulties. I will copy this note to the family Doctor for information. I have tried to get you but invariably by the time I manage to get through my office work it is well after hours.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely



Dr C R Steer
CONSULTANT PAEDIATRICIAN

Copy to: Dr Halliday, Health Centre, 74 Somerville Street, Burntisland.
(With compliments, for information).

PAEDIATRIC DEPARTMENT

Date Dictated: 15th March 2004
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~~Dr Halliday
The Health Centre
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BURNTISLAND~~

Dear Dr Halliday

GRAHAM SMART (18.03.88)(CHI no:-0333)
STARLEY HALL SCHOOL, ABERDOUR ROAD, BURNTISLAND, KY2 0AG

Liz Duff from Starley Hall School was in-touch and I rang back and left a message with one of her team on Saturday 13th of March at around 1337 hours. Apparently there had been a few problems recently and Graham had been suspended from school for a 2 week period. Whilst at home he had been receiving his Concerta XL at 5.30 in the morning and the staff wondered whether it was necessary to wake him if sleeping at 0530 to give him his medication or whether it could be delayed until his usual time of medication at school i.e. 7.30 – 8. I said that the latter course of action, i.e. giving him his breakfast and medication together at 7.30 – 8 am was entirely satisfactory. If there are further problems or worries please get back to me. I will copy this to Liz Duff for information.

Yours sincerely



Dr CR Steer
CONSULTANT PAEDIATRICIAN

Copy to Liz Duff, Headteacher, Starley Hall School, Aberdour Road, Burntisland (with compliments for information) ✓