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Dr Jonathan S Gordon  
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Dear Dr Gordon

Re: MR PETER BURKE - dob 30 6 52  
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I saw this man at the Alcohol Clinic on the 7 August 1979. He said he was a brick-layer working for a firm. He said he had a drinking problem but does not drink daily, may be about 3-4 days a week. He said that when he starts drinking it becomes uncontrollable and he has had blackouts but there is no history of DT's.

He was seen by Dr Campbell in 1976, but he did not keep any further appointments therefore he was discharged. He has been admitted to the Victoria Infirmary on several occasions and to Stobhill Hospital following overdoses of drugs after alcohol. He was treated for a duodenal ulcer with Tagamet tablets and now he is free of symptoms.

There is no family history of alcoholism. His father died 5 years ago. His mother is alive and doing well and he has 3 brothers and 3 sisters. He was born in Glasgow. He left school at 14 years of age and he was sent to an Approved School for stealing. He started absconding and was therefore in Borstal for 18 months. He has also been warned by the police for drunkenness on many occasions. He has not been fined or been in prison since he came out of Borstal. He has been married for the past 7 years and his wife is not too happy about his drinking.

He spoke well and did not show any indication of an affective illness. He was not suicidal or psychotic and he had no intellectual impairment. He was well orientated for time and place.

His main problem is lack of control when he takes alcohol and he continues to drink until he is very drunk. The history also suggests a personality disorder. I said that I would see him weekly at the Clinic. If he shows any motivation he will be taken into the Alcohol Group.

Yours sincerely



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Senior Registrar