

13 September 2012

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Dear Dr. Miah,

**Regarding: Daniel McMorrow D.O.B 09.10.72
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Thank you for asking for our opinion on this young man's capacity for returning to work as an IT support worker. Your letter to Alex Hitchcock, Senior Occupational Therapist, has been forwarded to me. You have a copy of his discharge summary which I will not repeat. Daniel received prolonged inpatient rehabilitation for global hypoxic brain injury at the Hospital for Neurodisability, Putney and then in the community via the Bromley Specialist Neuro-Rehabilitation Team. In the community, he was felt to have further inpatient rehabilitation goals and was admitted to the Heathside Neurodisability Unit, Blackheath. He has now been discharged back into the community where he remains under my care via the Neuro-Rehabilitation Team.

Danny continues to show significant physical and cognitive impairments and is still improving. His independent mobility is still restricted and he cannot yet access public transport. He is now able to access the internet for both mail and social networking purposes although I am advised that his abilities especially in terms of speed are considerably impaired compared to his premorbid condition. He has shown interpersonal difficulties with nursing and therapy assistant staff but has not exhibited this behaviour with either therapy or medical staff. I understand that he is anxious to return to work.

His gradual improvement on all fronts should continue for some time; in my opinion such improvement will continue for at least a further year. He could attend now for an assessment as regards his capacity for work. This would of course underestimate his ultimate capacity for work and I suggest that work assessment should be deferred.

However, I must agree with you that at present, and based on what you tell me of his job content, it is highly unlikely that Danny will be able to fulfil the requirements of his post as IT support worker.

I trust that this is sufficient information for your needs at present. Please contact me again if you require further detail.

Yours sincerely

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