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Dear Miss Wood

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**D.O.B. 22/08/2014
Hospital No. AH1565586
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Gwendolyn came for a videofluoroscopy study as planned on 11th November 2016.

On this occasion Gwendolyn was given puree and both thickened and thin fluids which she drank from a bottle. Gwendolyn took good volumes of all consistencies demonstrating adequate oral motor skills. There is a tiny hint of nasopharyngeal reflux which is probably most evident with thin fluid but no evidence of laryngeal penetration or aspiration on this occasion.

We explained to Gwendolyn's parents that there was no evidence of aspiration on this occasion, Gwendolyn did not demonstrate any of the episodes which have raised suspicion of aspiration during the study and I appreciate that this is frustrating for her parents. They feel that she has benefitted from thickened fluids and it is not unreasonable to continue with these although as above there was no evidence of aspiration on this particular study.

I haven't at this stage made a routine appointment to review Gwendolyn although I have told her parents that they are very welcome to contact us at any time should they feel that we could be of any further help.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Checked and authorised by

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