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Dear Dr Moss

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I met with Gwen's parents today in the clinic as they still had a few questions to ask before proceeding with Gwen's operation next Friday. The main body of the questions and answers were centred around the risks / benefits of this procedure and if Gwen actually needs a varus osteotomy to prevent future problems with the hip.

This has always been a difficult question to answer in terms of numbers as the case series for children with Down Syndrome are very small and the available evidence seems to suggest that in a significant number of habitual dislocations they will end up with significant hip dysplasia and again different evidence suggests that significant hip dysplasia leads to early osteoarthritis and therefore pain. The problem with leaving hips for too long is that the potential operation gets more complicated and therefore it is beneficial to do an operation at this stage.

On balance, we all agree that to do this is in Gwen's best interest.

We will proceed with a varus osteotomy, allowing her to weight bear when comfortable but this could be a few weeks.

Gwen does not have a community physiotherapist but I will write to the team today to suggest that this needs to be organised in the next couple of months, to help with any further rehab in the future.

Yours sincerely

*Electronically checked and authorised by Mr David Wright*

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