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Dear Joanne,

Re: Mrs Pamela Brennan – Date of Birth: 25 June 1947

Thank you for your two emails of 11 December 2018 and for drawing my attention to the medical records from the Northern Lymphology Service. I have included these medical records in my document list on page 9 and added them to the history section on page 19 of my report. I have referred to the future need for lymphology treatment on page 27, paragraph P5.

When I saw PB for a consultation in September this year, she had mild lymphoedema of the left lower leg. More importantly, her ankle recovered a normal contour in the early morning but swelled during the day. The principal purpose of treatment now is to prevent the swelling during the day by the application of properly-fitted below-knee elastic stockings (the left thigh does not swell any longer). As you can see from my measurements on page 23 of my report, the measurements of the thighs and upper calves are identical, with only a 3cm difference at the ankle, much of this difference being due to scarring and the consequences of skin grafts. Nevertheless, she does get swelling of the left lower leg which would be improved with properly fitting elastic garments, exercise and, particularly, weight loss. Suggesting that she needs lymphology treatments on two or three occasions a year is, perhaps, more than I would recommend but if PB finds this helpful I wouldn't want to deny it to her.

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Thankfully, going through these documents took less time than we anticipated and I attach a fee note reflecting this.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles McCollum', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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