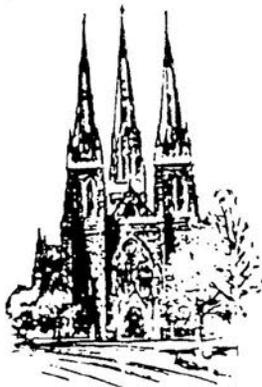


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16th October, 1997.

Mr & Mrs A. Foster,  
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OAKLEIGH, 3166.

Dear Mr and Mrs Foster,

I refer to your recent meeting with Sue Sharkey. I understand that all outstanding invoices have now been paid. In the meantime, I have received further advice from the Health Insurance Commission. The purpose of this letter is therefore to:

- (a) finalise matters in respect of those invoices for which payment has already been made, and
- (b) confirm the position in relation to the future.

### (1) **Paid Invoices**

In response to an enquiry by me, the Health Insurance Commission has confirmed that it is appropriate for people to claim on Medicare and to recover any "gap" from Carelink. I enclose for your information a copy of a letter from the Archdiocese's solicitors to Professor Ball which clarifies the legal position. You will note that enclosed with that letter is a letter from the Health Insurance Commission.

In accordance with my letter to you of 24 June 1997, I would therefore ask that you complete the appropriate Medicare claim forms in respect of the invoices that Carelink has paid. When the Medicare rebate is received by you, it should be forwarded to Carelink. Sue Sharkey will be able to assist you in completing the forms.

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**(2) The Future**

For the duration of the operation of Carelink, medical, psychological and related professional care will continue to be provided to your daughter through Carelink in relation to the abuse of which she complains. This support is of course subject to Carelink's ordinary requirements, including an annual review of the progress towards recovery, and subject to any finding by the Independent Commissioner that the provision of further support would be inappropriate.

If Carelink is disbanded at any future time, appropriate alternative arrangements will be made.

In the light of the advice received from the Health Insurance Commission referred to above and in the enclosed correspondence, claims should of course continue to be made on Medicare where this is appropriate.

I hope that this letter adequately confirms the Archdiocese's commitment to assist in Emma's recovery.

Yours sincerely,



Rev. Monsignor Denis J. Hart,  
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