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Monsignor Denis Hart,
Vicar General
8th Floor, 228 Victoria Parade,
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Dear Monsignor Hart,

re: Foster Accounts

In discussions with Mr. and Mrs. A. Foster on Saturday, 12th July, 1997, I was informed that Monsignor G. Cudmore had told the family that all medical costs associated with their daughter's abuse would be paid by the Church, although this has never been put in writing, and to this end, Professor Ball agrees that we have no alternative but to pay the outstanding accounts.

Miss Foster is at present hospitalised for two weeks and, in consultation with Professor Ball, I have asked Mr. Foster to have accounts forwarded to Carelink. Mr. Foster has agreed to meet with Professor Ball and this will be organised as soon as possible. We will then discuss the issue of payment and what steps need to be taken.

I have also had discussions with Richard Leder about this matter, as there needs to be some formal agreement and documentation regarding the Church's position on the ongoing treatment of Miss Foster. Further, after Professor Ball has interviewed the Fosters, it may well involve a decision concerning the Church, the lawyers and the Fosters, with the outcome being followed through by Carelink. Mr. Foster is aware that this process may be necessary.

Monsignor Cudmore is on leave at present. I will consult with him regarding this issue when he returns, and hopefully we will have a clearer picture, although we are aware that some aspects were dealt with by the previous Pastoral Response Office.

The outcome will also be somewhat dependent on the Medicare response.

You may wish to discuss this further on Tuesday, 29th July, when we meet at 2.00 p.m.

I will keep you informed on any further developments.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Sharkey
Sue Sharkey,
Co-ordinator of Carelink