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Dear Mr McCann

Re: JOHN ANDREW ELLIS

I write in reply to your letter of 15 April 2008.

John Ellis has been under my care since November 2005, following referral by his general practitioner. During that time, I have seen John twice a week for psychodynamic psychotherapy.

John suffers a major depressive illness which in the past has been unresponsive to antidepressant medication prescribed by a psychiatrist, and only partially responsive to previous psychotherapy.

A significant factor in John's psychiatric history, and directly contributing to his intractable depression, has been the sexual abuse that occurred over a number of years during his adolescence by a Roman Catholic priest.

The stress of protracted litigation related to this abuse, as well as the prospect of significant personal financial loss in respect of legal costs, have had a persistent adverse effect on John's mood state and response to treatment during the period of my care.

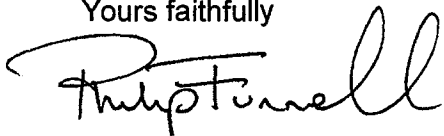
John had hoped that a successful outcome to litigation would have to some degree recognised and redressed the emotional harm that he suffered in adolescence, as well as providing a level of financial compensation that would assist him to rebuild his life. Instead of this, the lack of success of the litigation

and the potential for serious personal financial damage have understandably caused considerable distress and despair, and a worsening of symptoms of depression such as low motivation and energy.

John currently takes no psychiatric medication, having gained no benefit in the past from such treatment. He will continue psychotherapy in the foreseeable future.

The early resolution of litigation would certainly contribute in a positive way to John's present mental health and his prospects for further recovery over time. John is very concerned regarding the possibility of an adverse outcome with regard to legal costs, and an unfavourable outcome in this area could be expected to have a significant deleterious effect on his condition.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip Funnell'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and 'F'.

Dr Philip Funnell