

OCCUPATIONAL ENGLISH TEST

WRITING SUB-TEST: NURSING

SAMPLE RESPONSE: LETTER

Community Health Nurse
Springtown Community Health Centre
852 Main Road
Springtown

12 February 2017

Dear Nurse,

Re: Mr James Fox, DOB 20.10.1933

I am writing regarding the transfer of James Fox to your centre for follow-up care. Mr Fox recently had plastic surgery on his left hand following an accident with a chainsaw.

Mr Fox presented to the Emergency Department on January 17, 2017 following his accident, which had severed the tendons to his left index finger and severely lacerated his left forearm and hand. Surgical repair of the tendons was carried out the following day. Mr Fox was fitted with a left arm splint to wear 24 hours per day.

On 29 January, Mr Fox returned to Outpatients for removal of his sutures and check-up. He had not been wearing the splint, as he found it too uncomfortable and also did not believe it necessary. A new splint was made and he was urged to use it.

Today, Mr Fox remains non-compliant although the risk of this has been communicated to him. Mr Fox believes the advice from nurses is an attempt to 'frighten' him.

Thank you for your continued management of Mr Fox, who has requested transfer to your health centre as it is more accessible for him. His wounds require regular dressing and monitoring, and he needs encouragement to wear the splint and to rest his hand.

Yours faithfully,

Nurse