

08<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Doctor,

Re: MrsCharlotte Raegan

Thank you for seeing Mrs Charlotte Raegan in the surgical outpatient clinic. She recently attended the ED with an acute worsening of lower back pain with right-sided sciatica symptoms. This is on a background of lower back pain after lifting her four-year-old 6 weeks ago. Since then she has had persistent and progressive sciatica symptoms and notable right leg weakness.

On examination, Charlotte has visible wasting of her right calf. She has a positive ipsilateral and crossed straight leg rise. She also has an absent right ankle jerk reflex and altered sensation in her right leg in dermatome distribution L5 and S1.

I have previously sent her for an MRI and plain x-rays of her lumbar spine and sent these in with her. Her pain has been slightly improved with the tramadol prescribed by the ED, she noticed significant relief with the one dose of ketorolac.

She is otherwise well. She has PCOS for which she takes Metformin 850mg once daily. She has a past surgical history of a caesarean 4 years ago with her youngest child and an ORIF to left tibia in 2000 following an MVA.

Thank you,

Dr Guppy