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To Whom It May Concern

## Re. Jack Dobson DOB 12.09.1941

This report is written in support of an application for a temporary guardianship order for Mr Dobson.

Mr Dobson is a 78 year old man who was admitted to hospital on Tuesday 23 August. He was brought in by his daughter Coral Stevens complaining of tiredness and dizziness and refusing to eat or drink.

Mr Stevens has a history of mild cognitive impairment due to dementia, but he manages his activities of daily living with supervision, and mobilises with a walking frame.

The initial diagnosis was dehydration, but Mr Dobson refused to drink any fluids that were offered. Ms Stevens consented to IV fluids as Mr Dobson's person responsible, however Mr Dobson forcibly removed his IV cannula causing himself serious bleeding.

In my opinion, Mr Dobson requires a course of IV fluids to prevent serious harm to his health, and he does not have sufficient decision-making capacity to refuse this treatment. He has a cognitive disability due to dementia and dehydration.

I recommend that a temporary guardian needs to be appointed to:

- consent to IV fluids overriding Mr Dobson's objections
- consent to the minimum necessary restraint to prevent Mr Dobson from removing the IV cannula.



Please feel free to contact me to discuss this matter.

Yours sincerely

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