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Dear *Fenella,*

I promised to get back to you with names of possible clinical assessors.

After very careful deliberation I have selected two individuals whom I feel would be right for this task. Both have enormous professional standing and credibility. They are:

Professor Sir John Grimley Evans  
Professor of Clinical Geratology  
Radcliffe Infirmary  
Oxford

Sir John is probably the most respected individual in British Geriatric medicine. He has a wide range of experience and has served on many national bodies. He is respected internationally.

Dr Michael Denham  
Consultant Physician in Geriatric Medicine  
Northwick Park Hospital  
London

Dr Denham is of similarly high professional standing and is widely experienced clinically. He is ex-President of the British Geriatric Society and also well respected nationally and internationally.

I would recommend that whichever were chosen should be free to bring in other members of their team (doctors or other health professionals) to help with the assessment. This would be standard practice where multisystem disorders are involved. An alternative is that we could ask Sir John and Dr Denham to pair up and undertake the exercise jointly.