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To whom it may concern
Regarding : Ms. Anca Ivanova
DOB : 30/06/1959

This letter is to certify that the above lady is a patient of our practice and has been with us since 2009. I understand from Ms Ivanova that her application for Disability Allowance has been refused on failure to meet the medical criteria of the scheme. This letter is being written in support of her appeal.

Ms. Ivanova is being treated for multiple medical conditions. She suffers hyperalegesia, sleep difficulty and depression. Additionally she has pain of lumbar and cervical spine radiating to limbs.

In my medical opinion this patient suffers from

1. Fibriomyalgia (widespread pain with hyperalgesia, fatigue, sleep difficulty, depressed mood with pain in 14 FM spots during examination)
2. Discopathy l4-l5, l5-L6
3. Discopathy C4-C5, C5-C6

The symptoms of Fibriomyalgia have continued for more than one year and are expected to continue indefinitely. I understand his patient has been employed on and off in the service industry for the past 8 years. In my opinion she is unable to return to this type of work. Due to pain management, fatigue, inability to concentrate and depressed mood it is my opinion that she is unable to take up any other form of employment. Ms Ivanova's condition has had wide reaching affect on her health and well being. She reports difficulties in undertaking everyday tasks.

Please see list of current prescription medication enclosed.

Given her current medical condition, her age and the nature of the work she has engaged in, in Ireland it is my opinion that she is unfit for work now and for the foreseeable future.

Yours sincerely

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Dr. Sarah Fitzsimons

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