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PAEDIATRIC & ADOLESCENT OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

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NAME: Tamsin Colley
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SUMMARY OF PROGRESS

Relevant Background Information:

Tamsin is a 2 year 6 month old girl who had a low grade (JPA) cerebellar tumour removed over 12 months ago. She has received intermittent occupational therapy input through Sydney Children's Hospital but was formally assessed by our service on the 21st May 2005.

Results of the assessment revealed the following:

- Low average fine motor skills
- Age appropriate copying skills
- Developing drawing skills for her age

Development of the following skill areas was recommended:

- Establishment of hand preference/dominance
- Development of pencil grasp
- Development of scissor skills.

Observations of Progress (30/7/05):

Overall, Tamsin appeared more confident in her approach to play and task completion. This was pleasing to see. Specifically the following observations were made in relation to areas identified above:

- Walking short steps independently (continues to receive monthly physiotherapy at Sydney Children's Hospital).
- Increased spontaneous use of her right upper limb in play.
- Used right hand for operating scissors with developing control.
- Continued to indiscriminately select right or left hand to start and finish tasks.
- Demonstrated more precise control with left hand when manipulating pegs and small pellets.
- Slightly more precise pencil grip with left hand although demonstrated a digital grasping pattern with her right hand.
- Developing greater pencil control with drawing. Able to draw a picture of a person with head (eyes, nose, mouth) and arms and legs

Tamsin's developmental progress is pleasing. Of most concern during this review was that she appeared 'shakey' in her hands when completing fine tasks. This was not as noticeable on the initial assessment.

Recommendations:

1. Formal developmental assessment at 3 years to establish a baseline of preschool abilities.
2. Continued facilitation of bilateral skills, pencil and scissors skills.
3. Identification of hand preference between 3 and 4 years.

It was suggested that monitoring left and right hand use of the next few months may give an idea of hand preference and quality of hand skills.

TASK	HAND THAT STARTS L OR R	TIME SPENT USING HAND	SWAPS HAND YES/NO
Eg. cutting			

Again I would recommend that Tamsin be regularly monitored in occupational therapy to track her development. She is showing pleasing progress with her development but the quality of her task completion continues to warrant monitoring given her right upper limb difficulties.

I would be happy to review her progress on request.

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