

GENERAL PRACTICE HEADED PAPER

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Dear Colleague

[insert patient name, DOB, NHS number]

I am writing in response to your letter rejecting a referral for this patient, as attached. As you might already be aware, there are serious concerns in NHS regarding patients coming to avoidable harm as a result of delayed treatment for non Covid illnesses.

Kent and Medway CCG and Chief executives of trusts have written to GP practices **“to make clear that referrals continue to be accepted...”**.

A [letter dated 29th April 2020 from Simon Stevens, NHS Chief executive](#), says that primary care should “Make two-week wait cancer, urgent and routine referrals to secondary care **as normal...**”

In light of this we would greatly appreciate if you could contact this patient directly to let them know that their management will be undertaken by your organisation as was originally planned. This would avoid further unnecessary delays to patient care and minimise further risk to the patient.

If you have any queries please do take these up with the CCG.

Many thanks
Yours sincerely

Dr GP

Copy to

[insert patient name]

Anonymised copy to relevant medical director (delete as appropriate)

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