­Decline of Prescribing Template Letter for GP Practices

Dear Dr xxxxxxxx

Re: Patient Name………………………………. NHS number………………DOB………………….

I am writing to inform you that I am unable to accept the transfer of / start of prescribing *(delete as appropriate)* responsibilities in line with South East London Integrated Medicines Optimisation Committee (IMOC) recommendations for:

**Include Drug Name here**

For the above named patient. In view of the above I would be grateful if you could arrange on-going supply of the medication to the patient. If you would like to discuss this further, then please contact your directorate pharmacist or your hospital formulary pharmacist who will be able to advise you further.

The reason that I am unable to accept prescribing responsibility is detailed below:

[SEL Interface Policy](https://www.selondonics.org/icb/healthcare-professionals/medicines/sel-imoc/sel-imoc-policies/)  has outlined the responsibilities of all professionals involved in commissioning and prescribing across primary, secondary, and tertiary care, and to provide support in developing shared care agreements and in the transfer of care.

*(Please mark all that apply)*

Drug is approved by the SEL (IMOC) as a RED drug – hospital only prescribing. The responsibility for prescribing, monitoring, dose adjustment and review should remain with the specialist or hospital.

Drug is considered a GREY drug. These are medicines/devices which have been considered by the SEL (IMOC) as not routinely supported for prescribing in any health setting for NHS patients

Drug is included in the list of products approved by SEL (IMOC) for shared care prescribing, but no current shared/transfer of care document has been provided (AMBER 3 drug).

Patient is not stabilised on drug initiated by specialist before transfer of prescribing responsibilities to primary care under an individual management plan (AMBER 2 drug)

Hospital clinical trial drug

Unlicensed drug/dose/indication where there is a lack of evidence or widespread medical acceptance by recognised reputed body

Drug/indication does not appear in the SEL Joint Medicines Formulary <http://www.selondonjointmedicinesformulary.nhs.uk/default.asp>

Newly licensed or has a new indication, where place in therapy and/or risks are uncertain

The recommended medication does not follow local/national guidance

Subject to high-tech hospital at home guidance EL (95)5

Other: (please state reason) ……………………………………………………………….

For more information, please visit South East London Integrated Medicines Optimisation Committee website: [SEL IMOC - NHS South East London (selondonics.org)](https://www.selondonics.org/icb/healthcare-professionals/medicines/sel-imoc/)

Yours sincerely

**Instructions for use, NOT to be included in the letter.**

Please send a separate copy of the letter with Patient Identifiable Data REMOVED to the

* SEL ICS Borough Medicines Optimisation Team as per email list below.
* Trust Formulary/Medicines Information Team as per email list below

A letter to send to patients is being developed. In the interim, either the above letter could be cc’d to the patient, or a text message sent, copying the relevant reason stated within the letter.

SEL Trust / ICS contact details

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| Please remove all patient identifiable data (e.g. name, address, DOB, NHS number) from communication. If these details are required, the recipient will contact you. | |
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| King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust | [kch-tr.FormularyKCH@nhs.net](mailto:kch-tr.FormularyKCH@nhs.net) |
| Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust | [lg.formulary@nhs.net](mailto:lg.formulary@nhs.net) |
| Mental Health Trusts | |
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