GP practice details:

Contact telephone:

Date:

Dear XXX ,

We are conducting a review of patients prescribed anticoagulation (also known as “blood thinning medication”) to reduce the risk of a stroke in patients with atrial fibrillation (“a condition that causes an irregular and often abnormally fast heart rate”) in our practice.

The aim is to:

* support patients with their anticoagulation therapy
* ensure appropriate monitoring and dosing of medicines
* determine the best choice of medication for each patient.

We are writing to you as: (*delete lines or tick boxes as appropriate*)

* We would like to arrange for you to have a review of your medicines with our practice-based pharmacist concerning your medications- please contact the practice receptionist to make an appointment
* We would like to offer you a blood test to check your kidney function, full blood count and/or liver function- please book an appointment with the nurse or healthcare assistant at your earliest convenience
* We would like to check your blood pressure- if you are checking this at home then please let us know the reading or contact the practice receptionist to have it checked
* We would like to invite you for a face- to -face appointment with your doctor
* We would like to refer you to the anticoagulation clinic for a review
* We would like to know a recent and up to date bodyweight, if you have weighing scales at home, please submit readings to your surgery, via (text message/ email/ letter/ telephone call) (*delete as appropriate*) or please drop into the surgery to use the weighing scales in the patient waiting area and give the results to our reception staff

We are here to help you and look forward to hearing from you. **Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like further information or have any questions on this:**

The practice-based pharmacist (*insert name*) on (*telephone number and/or email address*)

Resources for patients:

* on atrial fibrillation: [Atrial Fibrillation - Arrhythmia Alliance - UK (heartrhythmalliance.org)](https://heartrhythmalliance.org/aa/uk/atrial-fibrillation?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIhdWplMP4-AIVibTtCh260QL0EAAYASAAEgJk4vD_BwE)
* for anticoagulation, see the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/anticoagulants/> and British Heart Foundation: <https://www.bhf.org.uk/informationsupport/heart-matters-magazine/medical/drug-cabinet/novel-anticoagulants>

Yours sincerely,