**Template patient letters for pen needles change**

**Insert <<Title>> <<Full Name>>**

**Insert <<address>>**

**Insert <<postcode>>**

**Insert <<Date>>**

**Dear Insert <<Title>> <<LastName>>**

**Change to your pen needles for your injectable diabetes medication**

As a practice, we regularly review the medications that we prescribe for you.

We are jointly working with colleagues across South East London, Wandsworth and Croydon to review the prescribing of pen needles for injectable diabetes medications in line with local guidelines and to help NHS resources stretch further. You currently use <*insert name of pen needle>* pen needles for injecting your <*insert name of injectable diabetes medication e.g. name of insulin or GLP-1 analogue>*.

We are writing to you to let you know of a change in the name and possibly the length of the pen needles on your prescription. The full details of the changes are shown below and your new pen needles will be given to you when you collect your next repeat prescription.

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| **The pen needles you use now:** | **Your new pen needles will be:** |
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The new pen needles work in the same way as your previous ones so please continue to use them in the same way as before. Please finish using all the needles you currently have before starting the new ones. The appearance of the new pen needles may differ slightly from your previous ones, however apart from this you should notice no difference at all.

If you are concerned or wish to discuss the matter further please do not hesitate in contacting the practice or your local community pharmacist.

**Insert <<Title>> <<Full Name>>**

**Insert <<address>>**

**Insert <<postcode>>**

**Insert <<Date>>**

**Dear Insert <<Title>> <<LastName>>**

**Review of your pen needles for your injectable diabetes medication**

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We would like to invite you in for a review to discuss a possible change to the pen needles that you use. This is a great opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have about your diabetes.

To book an appointment for a review, please contact the practice on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and ask for an appointment with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

If you have any questions, please contact the practice.