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<Patient Name>

<Patient Address>

Dear < insert patient name >

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National policy change – Sunscreens

We are writing to you with respect to your sunscreen, **insert name of product**. The conditions for which these products can now be prescribed changed on August 1st 2019. This is a national change in eligible conditions, and we are contractually obliged to follow it. The new criteria for prescribing is below

When prescribed for skin protection against ultraviolet radiation and/or visible light in abnormal cutaneous photosensitivity causing

- **severe** cutaneous reactions in genetic disorders (including xeroderma pigmentosum and porphyrias),
- **severe** photodermatoses (both idiopathic and acquired)
- and in those with increased risk of ultraviolet radiation causing **severe** adverse effects due to chronic disease (such as haematological malignancies), medical therapies and/or procedures.

As a result of this change in criteria, you will no longer be prescribed **insert name of product**. If you still require to use the sunscreen then you will need to purchase this product, or something similar yourself.

Should you require more information about this, please contact the Contact Us Team at nwicb.contactus@nhs.net , they will be able to put you in contact with the appropriate person.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a final flourish.

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