Medical practice name and address

Patient name, NHS Number and address

Date

**PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

Dear Title Forename Surname,

**Medicines Prescribed or Recommended by a Private Consultant**

You have been referred at your request to a private consultant. We have a number of NHS patients who request to see a consultant privately. On occasion, GPs are requested to prescribe medication as an NHS prescription following recommendation by a private consultant.

If your consultant prescribes a medication that falls outside a licensed use or is outside the local recommendations on prescribing, your consultant will need to provide you with a private prescription. You will be able to take a private prescription to any community pharmacy for dispensing. You will have to pay for the medicine on this prescription even if you are normally exempt. It is in your interest that you are aware of this possibility before your private consultation. You will also be required to pay for any investigations or monitoring tests, e.g. blood tests requested by a private consultant

Any queries about this policy should be directed to the ICB Patient Experience Team via

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Yours sincerely