**Draft letter to health care practitioners who request low dose sedation be prescribed by a GP for a medical procedure**

Dear Dr

Thank you for your letter dated XX requesting that a prescription is issued for XX for their pending procedure / scan. It is our policy in conjunction with the Somerset LMC not to prescribe sedation for these procedures. Therefore, if you feel that sedation is necessary please can you contact the patient directly and prescribe accordingly.

Guidance from the Royal College of Radiologists (Safe Sedation, Analgesia and Anaesthesia within the Radiology Department) do have very specific recommendations including the use of benzodiazepines in sedation for radiological investigations. As such it is the responsibility of the clinician requesting the scan to issue a prescription.

The guidance can be found at <https://www.rcr.ac.uk/sites/default/files/publication/Safe_Sedation.pdf>

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Yours sincerely,

**Draft letter to patients who request low dose sedation be prescribed by a GP for a medical procedure**

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