(Insert date)

Dear X

We have recently received a request to refer XX to the NHS for ongoing investigations following private treatment under your care.

[BMA guidance](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bma.org.uk%2Fadvice-and-support%2Fgp-practices%2Fmanaging-workload%2Fgeneral-practice-responsibility-in-responding-to-private-healthcare%23%3A~%3Atext%3Dcommission%2520the%2520service.-%2CPrivate%2520providers%2520making%2520onward%2520referrals%2520to%2520NHS%2520provider%2Ctreated%2520based%2520on%2520clinical%2520need.&data=05%7C02%7Csarah.johns%40nhs.net%7Cafb78b49e4a642f0410808dc5a3bb7ff%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638484459744235480%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=3FfomXMKP72ylCsLqNEroqDsdAeSIGsVqA6GmLuEQ8g%3D&reserved=0) states that private providers can make onward referrals to NHS providers without referral back to the GP, provided the patient would be eligible for NHS referral. We will therefore not be making this referral and ask that you arrange appropriate onward care on the NHS.

Pressure on general practice means that we cannot take on more work that is not resourced.  Please can we ask that you review your policy.

Yours sincerely