PRACTICE LETTERHEAD

Practice address

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<Patient Name>
<Patient Address> <Today's date>

NHS No <NHS Number>

Dear «PatientName»

Important information about your repeat prescription

In line with best clinical practice and local guidelines we regularly review the medicines we prescribe to check that we are making safe, effective, and cost-effective choices. The NHS promotes the change to more environmentally friendly inhalers where this is the right choice for the patient. Your prescribing team has reviewed your current inhaler(s) and has made the following updates to your prescription.

From: Salbutamol 100 micrograms inhaler

To: Salamol® 100 microgram inhaler

The gas in your current inhaler is a powerful greenhouse gas. This means that when the gas is released, it stays in the air and traps the sun's heat, like glass in a greenhouse. This warms the planet, which is a problem for the climate. Climate change increases air pollution, which can worsen lung conditions. By changing to Salamol® you can help reduce climate change and reduce the risk to your lungs caused by increased air pollution.

Salamol® is the same type of inhaler and contains the same medication as your current salbutamol inhaler but has less greenhouse gases, so is more environmentally friendly. You may find that the Salamol® inhaler looks and tastes a bit different to your current inhaler, but you shouldn't notice any difference in the way that it works. It also contains the same number of doses.

You should continue to use your new Salamol® inhaler in the same way as your current salbutamol inhaler. Please continue to use any salbutamol inhalers you have at home before ordering and starting to use your new supply of Salamol®.

You should not experience any adverse effects from this change, however if any new effects occur please contact your GP practice.

If you need to use your salbutamol inhaler for three or more days each week, then it may be a sign that your asthma is not well controlled. Continue to use your reliever inhaler when you need it, and make a routine appointment at the GP surgery, so we can see if there is anything we can do to help you.

Should you have any other queries about this medication change please contact our Prescribing Support Technician …… on 07…… Monday to Friday.
Alternatively please call the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) on 0800 3896819 or email sneeicb-nee.pals@nhs.net/ PALS@Suffolk.nhs.uk /

Yours sincerely,

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