**Draft referral rejection letter during collective action**

**To FT Medical Director (with copy to ICB MD/patient)**

We have been advised that our recent referral has been rejected.

Having reviewed the referral letter and reflected on both our contract and our GMC obligations, we are satisfied that the referral was clinically appropriate, details the required information to ensure a safe transfer of care to yourselves, and is in line with both the NHS Standard Contract 2024/25 Service Conditions: Acceptance and Rejection of Referrals 6.13 Subject to SC6.3 and to SC7 (Withholding and/or Discontinuation of Service), and the Primary Medical Services Contract.

It therefore meets the required contractual and professional obligations for referral.

The GMC requires a GP to refer when clinically necessary to do so (link here -[https://www.gmc-uk.org/professional-standards/professional-standards-for-doctors/delegation-and-referral/delegation-and-referral#communicating-with-patients-and-colleagues-D86E82BAE4BD4E5396648D50D72460CB](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gmc-uk.org%2Fprofessional-standards%2Fprofessional-standards-for-doctors%2Fdelegation-and-referral%2Fdelegation-and-referral%23communicating-with-patients-and-colleagues-D86E82BAE4BD4E5396648D50D72460CB&data=05%7C02%7CSam.Dowling%40lmc.org.uk%7C6c62dabc536147ff7ea208dccdb051f2%7C5670c82635004dfd9a7fc45939b3c53f%7C0%7C0%7C638611404418914962%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=62P3M%2Ba7IyJKFacMFUsnRT95aZfgQATLr4egdk94GtI%3D&reserved=0)[)](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gmc-uk.org%2Fprofessional-standards%2Fprofessional-standards-for-doctors%2Fdelegation-and-referral%2Fdelegation-and-referral%23communicating-with-patients-and-colleagues-D86E82BAE4BD4E5396648D50D72460CB&data=05%7C02%7CSam.Dowling%40lmc.org.uk%7C6c62dabc536147ff7ea208dccdb051f2%7C5670c82635004dfd9a7fc45939b3c53f%7C0%7C0%7C638611404418922858%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2FzVcBFfxNrJ42phoItTDSuGnfojqG543GBtgmD3Y2o0%3D&reserved=0). All necessary information has been provided in the referral letter, detailing past medical history, current medications and known drug allergies. Please also consult this guidance on the matter from the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges: [https://www.aomrc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/AOMRC-Guidance-on-onward-referral\_210518-v3.pdf](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.aomrc.org.uk%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2018%2F05%2FAOMRC-Guidance-on-onward-referral_210518-v3.pdf&data=05%7C02%7CSam.Dowling%40lmc.org.uk%7C6c62dabc536147ff7ea208dccdb051f2%7C5670c82635004dfd9a7fc45939b3c53f%7C0%7C0%7C638611404418930830%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=I%2F8Blt5EMN736GXMJVF%2BQ%2Bhv0N5Zkxt9kmsZo7m8Bu8%3D&reserved=0)

We do not believe that there are grounds to reject this referral and would be grateful if you could arrange for this patient to be offered an outpatient appointment or other clinical assessment.

If you disagree then please take this up with your local commissioner.