**This letter is for you to adapt for your patient(s). Please ensure that you customise the text highlighted in yellow so that the information is appropriate. Please also ensure that once you have made your amendments, any important information isn’t split across two pages, or that an instruction to continue on to a second page is added.**

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[Date]

[Title\_Initial\_Surname]

[Patient Address Block]

Dear [Title] [Surname],

**RE: Prescription for [Generic name]**

Our records show that you recently collected a prescription for a drug called **[Brand Name].**

We are writing to all the patients taking **[generic name]** to let you know that NHS Dorset has asked all GP teams to review prescribing of branded medicines and where clinically suitable, switch to a generic (non-branded) medicine.

Generic (unbranded) medicines may look different from the brand but will have identical effects on the body and be just as safe and effective. They are subject to the same tight controls on quality as any medicine yet make the most effective use of NHS resources.

We would like to discuss this potential change to your medicine with you, please contact the surgery to make an appointment GP/Nurse/Pharmacist to review the medication.

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| **GP/Nurse/Pharmacist** [delete as applicable] | [Add number] |

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Dr [insert name] and partners

[Insert Practice Name]