[Insert Practice letterhead]

Dr [prescriber details]

[address]                                                                                                                  [Datexxxx]

Dear [Consultant] ,

**RE: Prescribing of**

**For ~[Title/Initial/Surname], [Date of Birth] [NHS Number]**

We have received a request for the above patient to be prescribed [Insert drug details], which was initiated/suggested by yourself.

Unfortunately, according to the North of Tyne Formulary this drug is:

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| 🞎 | **Non-Formulary** –The APC states that in exceptional circumstances only, if a hospital doctor wishes a patient’s GP to prescribe a non-formulary drug, then he/she should explain to the GP that the desired treatment is not in the formulary and give the reason(s) why it is being requested instead of a formulary medicine. |
| 🞎 | **Not a first line agent** – the NoT formulary lists an alternate medication as first line treatment for this condition. |
| 🞎 | **A Red Drug** - The APC states that drugs classified as “red drugs” are for hospital use only and that the responsibility for initiation and monitoring of treatment should rest with an appropriate hospital clinician. In addition the drug should be supplied through the hospital throughout the duration of treatment. |
| 🞎 | **An Amber Drug** – The APC states that these drugs should be initiated by a hospital specialist, and an outline of the responsibilities of each partner set out in a shared care arrangement. .  Prior to any request for primary care prescribing of these drugs ,the specialist should send the GP a copy of the shared care agreement to sign. The GP should sign the shared care agreement, or indicate they do not want to be part of such an agreement, and return a copy back to the specialist prior to commencing prescribing or monitoring responsibilities. |
| 🞎 | **A Blue Drug -**The APC state that these drugs are normally initiated by a hospital specialist. Ongoing prescribing is appropriate in primary care supported either by an information leaflet, where one is available, or with details from the SPC (summary of product characteristics) for the drug. Where a specific information leaflet has been produced these outline the place in therapy, and the responsibilities of the specialist prior to the transfer of the prescribing to primary care. |
| 🞏 | **Unlicensed for this condition / at this dose**  Whilst this may be an appropriate use of this drug more information is needed before the clinician is happy to accept prescribing responsibilities. |

At the present time, and with the information available to us, the practice is unwilling to prescribe the requested medication. If you are able to provide us with the required information, documentation or a formulary alternative, we may be able to reconsider this position as appropriate.

The NoT formulary can be found at: <http://www.northoftyneapc.nhs.uk/formulary/>

Yours sincerely,