**<Insert Date>**

Dear Doctor, at **<GP Surgery>**

**RE: Pre-operative anaemia management:**

**<Insert Patient Details (Name, DOB, NHS Number & Address)>**

The above patient was seen in ***<insert hospital/health board>*** Pre-Operative Assessment Clinic (POAC).

Following investigations, the full blood count (FBC) results have indicated that the patient is currently iron deficient.

**Blood Results on <insert date>**

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| **Hb**  **(\*Threshold >130 g/L)** | **MCV** | **CRP** | **Ferritin** | **Transferrin**  **Saturation** | **B12** | **Folate** |
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***\*As per All Wales Preoperative Anaemia Pathway:***

[***https://bhnog.wales.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/All-Wales-Pathway-Final-Version-2.pdf***](https://bhnog.wales.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/All-Wales-Pathway-Final-Version-2.pdf)

Preoperative anaemia is associated with worse outcomes post-operatively. Therefore,

in order to optimise the patient for surgery intravenous iron therapy has been arranged:

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| **Infusion Date** | **Dose of** | **Comments** |
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The patient has been advised to stop any oral iron supplement at initiation of IV iron and for at least 5 days after the **last** infusion.

**<*We will/could you please> (delete as appropriate)*** recheck the bloods in **<insert duration>** weeks post infusion.

***Referring hospital to tick as appropriate:***

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| **New finding:** *This is a new finding of iron deficiency, and the patient was not previously known to be anaemic. Further investigations and appropriate referrals to be arranged by GP.* |  |
| **Longstanding anaemia:** *The cause of this anaemia may remain unclear and may warrant further investigation by GP.* |  |
| **Investigation and appropriate referrals are being managed by hospital.** |  |
| **Cause of anaemia has been identified and no further investigations into the cause are required.** |  |

Many thanks for your assistance

Insert **<name and contact details>**