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Dear xxx ,

Use of Test Patients in GP Practice Systems

We are writing to ask you to ensure that any test patients which are on your practice computer system do NOT have a CHI number.

If practices do add a CHI number to their test patients, these test patient records will be uploaded to the Emergency Care Summary Store, and will overwrite any patient details already held for that CHI number. If you have any test patients on your system, please would you check that there is no CHI number on their record, and if there is, please make sure that the test patient is opted out of the Emergency Care Summary (ECS) and then deducted.

Any new test patients can then be added, provided they do NOT have a CHI number.

If you have any questions on how to deduct or opt out test patients from ECS please contact your GP System supplier helpdesk for advice.

Thank you for your help in this exercise, which is designed to ensure that the ECS store contains accurate and up to date information in order to provide the best care for patients in Emergency and Unscheduled care situations.

Yours sincerely

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