Head of Department / Management Lead

Haematology Department

[Hospital/Trust Name]

**Responsibility for CLL Monitoring**

Dear X,

I am writing on behalf of [GP Practice] to address the continued monitoring of Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia (CLL).

It has come to our attention that there is an expectation for general practices to continue monitoring CLL patients. We must clarify that this is not part of our core General Medical Services (GMS) contract and represents unfunded work that our practice does not have the capacity to absorb.

Historically, our practice has been involved in CLL monitoring as a temporary measure. However, given the specialised nature of this condition and the critical importance of detecting potential progression to more serious conditions, we believe this responsibility should return to a dedicated and adequately resourced Haematology service.

General practice is currently stretched beyond capacity, and taking on additional unfunded work compromises the quality of patient care across the board. We respectfully request that the Haematology Department resume full responsibility for the monitoring and care of CLL patients, as was the case previously.

We also encourage your department to engage with the Integrated Care Board (ICB) as the service commissioner to establish a sustainable approach to CLL monitoring. While we are happy to engage in discussions to facilitate this transition, it is essential to stress that CLL monitoring is outside the remit of general practice.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,