**Appendix A: Letter to practices to agree to shared care protocol**

Dear <<insert clinical lead name>>

**Request for <<insert name of Practice>> to agree to shared care protocol**

**<<insert name of shared care protocol>>**

As you are aware general practice is under increasing pressure and is currently unable to cope with the workload. General Practice is repeatedly asked to take on more work, with no resources to enable this work to be undertaken safely.

Due to current workload within General Practice <<insert name of Practice>> is unable to agree to the proposed shared care guidelines and responsibility for prescribing and monitoring the treatment outlined within the protocol must rest with <<insert name of acute trust>>.

We are concerned that taking on further responsibilities under such a shared care protocol would put patient safety at risk at this time.

Yours sincerely,

<<Insert signature>>

<<Print Name>>

<<Practice Name>>