[insert practice letter head]

[insert date]

Dear Doctor ………………………………….

Many thanks for your communication dated ………. requesting the practice to prescribe………………..

Whilst we appreciate the immense pressure across the entire NHS system and suspect that capacity within your speciality is also very stretched, the practice regrets that it is unable to prescribe this medication as;

1. It is in breach of formulary guidance [Formulary | East Region Formulary](https://formulary.nhs.scot/east). The guidance states this drug must be initiated and/or monitored (delete as appropriate) by speciality. Whilst this drug may historically have been prescribed by General Practice (indeed this practice may have inadvertently done this in the past) it has now come to our attention that the formulary does not support prescribing within primary care at this stage and regret that we will therefore have to decline.
2. There is no agreed Shared Care Agreement for this medication.
3. The practice declines to take part in this Shared Care Agreement (as is the right of any practice, according to their capacity and/or competencies of the individual clinicians, in line with GMC guidance).
4. The prescribing/dosing of this medication is beyond the competencies of a General Practitioner and as per GMC guidance we therefore decline to prescribe this medication as do not feel safe or competent to do so.

Practice ability to decline this medication is supported by the Lothian Local Medical Committee and in line with local and national prescribing guidance

Yours sincerely