***To be given to the patient at time of referral***

Practice Stamp

**Referral to Private Providers for Treatment**

Should you request a referral to a Private Hospital / provider, we are happy to do this.

Please note that the whole episode of the treatment should be provided by the Private provider, i.e. blood tests and other tests, suture removal, dressing changes, routine wound check, etc, and the Practice should not be involved in any aspects of this episode of treatment.

It is the Private providers responsibility to issue a Fit Note covering the entire anticipated period off work, but if any longer time off is then required when you are no longer under the care of the provider then this would be the practice responsibility.

We will have advised them so at the time of writing your Private referral.

Should you require further information or clarification around this then please contact the Practice Manager.

*(Insert signature)*

On behalf of the partners of the above Practice

Suggested Statement to be added to a Private Referral or attached as a separate statement.

I would like to make you aware of the Practice Policy around private referrals.

That is that we make this referral on the proviso that any treatment and sequelae should be undertaken by the Private provider, as agreed between you and the patient.

The patient should not be asked to contact the practice for blood tests and other tests, suture removal, dressing changes, routine wound checks, etc, as we would view these are part of the course of Private treatment and should be provided by you.

This would of course include asking the patient to make an appointment with their GP for a Fit Note to cover any absence from work as a result of the treatment provided as current DWP guidance refers to these being provided, as required, by Hospital Doctors and does not state only NHS Hospital Doctors.