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Dear Colleague

The GP Patient Survey – Hospital Choice

I am writing to let you know that **we will shortly be sending you GP Patient Survey questionnaires asking about choice of hospital.** As part of the GP Patient Survey (GPPS), the Department wishes to conduct research with patients who have been referred by their GP to secondary care for a condition where the Choice policy applies.

We have commissioned Ipsos MORI, an independent research agency, to assist with the survey and they will send your practice all the questionnaire packs in early January 2007. **We would like every GP in your practice to hand out a questionnaire to all patients where a Choice referral is made between 16 January and 30 March 2007.** Patients are then asked to return the completed questionnaire to Ipsos MORI in a reply paid envelope.

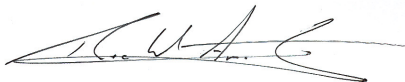
Ipsos MORI is distributing the questionnaire packs by courier, so please ensure that appropriate members of your staff are aware of this survey so that someone can sign for the consignment.

Further information about distributing the questionnaires will also be provided in the consignment from Ipsos MORI. From mid-January onwards information for patients about the survey will also be available online on the GPPS website at www.gp-patient.co.uk. If you have any queries about this survey you can contact the DH team by email on GPPatientSurvey@dh.gsi.gov.uk or for further information go to the Primary Care Contracting (PCC) website (www.primarycarecontracting.nhs.uk).

If your practice is not participating in the Choice Directed Enhanced Services (DES) and does not intend to sign up, please accept the consignment when it is delivered to your practice, but do not distribute the questionnaires.

Thank you very much for your time.

Yours sincerely



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