

[Patient Name]

Patient address Line 1

Patient address Line 2

Patient address Line 3]

[NHS Number]

XX August 2020

IMPORTANT: PERSONAL

Dear [Patient]

You have previously been identified as someone who may be considered clinically extremely vulnerable due to an underlying disease or health condition that may put you at risk of severe illness if you catch Coronavirus (also known as COVID-19).

You are strongly advised to follow Government guidance for those considered clinically extremely vulnerable. If you are clinically extremely vulnerable you are advised not to enter any area where shielding advice is in place. If your place of work is within an area where shielding measures are in place, but you live outside this area, you are advised not to enter the area, including to go to work. You should discuss your position with your employer and where you are able to work from home or from a location outside of this area, you should do so. Guidance on local restrictions is available at [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) and hosted on Local Authority websites for the individual areas affected.

You will be able to use this letter as evidence for your employer to show that you are considered clinically extremely vulnerable and must follow local shielding measures where they are in place. This letter may be used as evidence for Statutory Sick Pay purposes and is valid for 3 weeks from the date of this letter. If the relevant local shielding measures are still in place after 3 weeks, you should request a new letter to serve as continued evidence.

Guidance on local shielding measures will be reviewed as part of the wider review of local measures every 2 weeks and updated on the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Jenny Harries'.

Jenny Harries

Deputy Chief Medical Officer