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St James’ University Hospital

Beckett Street

Leeds

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Dear

DOB:

Address:

Date:

When you attended your appointment at the ………………. (insert clinic name) we carried out a blood test.

**The blood sample that was taken at clinic has shown that you are anaemic.**

All patients referred to Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust for an elective surgical procedure or surgical intervention are screened for anaemia. The reason we do this is that people who are anaemic are more likely to have complications after their surgery and may need to stay in hospital longer or need a blood transfusion.

We have sent you an information booklet about the treatment you need and also how you can help by taking more iron in your diet.

We have asked your GP to prescribe you some iron tablets/We have started you on some iron tablets (delete as appropriate). You need to take iron tablets as instructed for six weeks. When you have completed the course of iron tablets we will repeat this test to see if your blood count has improved.

You do not need to make an appointment for this blood test. Please come to any of the drop in clinics after you have taken your iron tablets. The drop in clinics are Monday – Friday at the below hospitals:

St James’ University Hospital, Lincoln Wing Outpatients 1, ground floor.

Leeds General Infirmary, Brotherton Wing Outpatients, first floor.

Chapel Allerton Hospital, Outpatients department, ground floor

**In the pack you have received today is a request form for your repeat blood test. You must bring this form with you. If you arrive without this form we will be unable to take your blood.**

***(OR) (delete as appropriate pending which option you choose for blood requests)***

**An electronic request has been made for your blood test, this means you do not need a paper order form. Please attend at your convenience to one of the above outpatients.**

If you have any problems taking the iron tablets please call …………………………. for advice Monday – Friday 8.00am – 4.00pm on the number below;

0113 20…………………

In the meantime you should continue to prepare for your surgery and keep all appointments offered.

A further blood test will be required 6 months after your surgery to ensure your blood count is normal. **It is important that you remember to make an appointment to see your GP six months after your surgery.**

Yours sincerely

*(Please add clinic/service details as appropriate)*