

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SAFE AND EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION, DISCHARGE AND FOLLOW UP

Consider using [template letters](#) to facilitate timely communication with primary care:

- Preoperatively
 - To describe anaemia, investigations, likely or definitive cause, follow up plans
 - To describe treatment initiated for anaemia (eg oral iron/IV iron)
 - To clarify whether anaemia affects the patient pathway or not
- Postoperatively:
 - Provision of timely (day of discharge) written discharge documentation to the patient and primary care team to include, if a new anaemia has been found:
 - Cause of anaemia
 - Hb at discharge from hospital
 - Outstanding investigations (and who will need to follow up)
 - Treatment during admission and ongoing management plan
 - Information provided to patient (eg dietary advice)
 - Whether the patient has received any blood products