LETTER HEAD

<Organisation Address>

<Organisation Details>

<Today's date>

To whoever it may concern,

**Name: <Patient Name>**

DOB: <Date of Birth>

Address: <Patient Address>

NHS number: <NHS number>

**Information from GP records to assist with HOME OFFICE ACCOMMODATION issue**

The above-named patient has requested information from their medical records because they *…….. free text the request (might be move away, to stay in area, not share a room etc)………..*

From the medical records the following information is relevant:

**Medical Problems:**

<Problems(table)>

**Regular Medications:**

<Repeat Templates(table)>

**Concerns about risk and vulnerability:**

*……………………………………………free text or delete this section if none …………………………………*

*I have additionally referred to The Home Office’s two documents about the impact of medical conditions on accommodation decisions[[1]](#footnote-1).*

Suspected victim of modern slavery or other history of torture, sexual abuse etc[[2]](#footnote-2)

Wheelchair user

Mobility problems

Active infectious disease

HIV

Severe mental health problem

Pregnancy Estimated date of delivery: …………………….

Ongoing treatment available only in the area of residence

Where replication of treatment is difficult to implement, particularly in cases where the treatment is broad in its nature e.g. where a person has more than one ailment that requires more than one specialist to provide treatment, and where the individual has an active support network in that area

Where it is necessary to arrange continuity of care, e.g. where a person is undergoing kidney dialysis

Where the person is in receipt of specialist treatment that may be hard to replicate at advanced stages of treatment, especially where invasive surgery or intensive treatment is required

Yours faithfully

Name: <Your Name>

On behalf of *......name of service....* [[3]](#endnote-1)

1. [new\_Healthcare\_Needs\_and\_Pregnancy\_Dispersal\_Policy\_EXTERNAL\_v3\_0.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/496911/new_Healthcare_Needs_and_Pregnancy_Dispersal_Policy_EXTERNAL_v3_0.pdf) and [Allocation of accommodation (publishing.service.gov.uk)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1169389/Allocation_of_accommodation.pdf) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. ‘an individual who has been subjected to torture, rape or other serious forms of psychological, physical or sexual violence; and in each case, has had an individual evaluation of his situation that confirms he has special needs’ from Home Office guidance – also they specifically mention modern slavery. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. This template has been created by TortureID as part of a bank of resources for NHS clinicians who are working with people who are seeking asylum. [www.tortureid.org](http://www.tortureid.org). It has been created by Dr Jo Miller who is a GP working with people seeking asylum. They are suggestions, drawn from practical GP experience, about how to respond to common requests.  They are not 'official' templates with the endorsement of any organisations. The asylum environment is fast changing, and materials are likely to need updating regularly. Each template needs to be read through, agreed and adapted to the needs of the service planning to use them. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)