

PRACTICE ADDRESS LIST OF GPs ETC

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PATIENT NAME
PATIENT ADDRESS
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NHS Number:

DATE

To the parents / guardians of.....

The doctor has agreed a change to your child's prescription medication

Prescribing at the practice is regularly reviewed to make sure patients are receiving the most suitable and cost- effective medication.

At the moment your child takes Circadin 2mg modified -release tablets - [dose]
This has been changed to a generic version of the same medication called **Melatonin 2mg modified release tablets - [dose]**

These modified-release tablets contain the same medication so work in the same way and are equally effective, but **Melatonin 2mg modified release tablets** are available at a lower cost to the NHS. This means that the savings made by prescribing this instead of Circadin 2mg modified-release tablets can then be used to support and improve other NHS services. Please note:

- The change will not affect the way their condition is managed; they will continue to be monitored by their doctor as before.
- Their next repeat prescription will be changed to **Melatonin 2mg modified release tablets**. Please continue to use the current supply of Circadin 2mg modified-release tablets as prescribed by the doctor until the pack is finished and you collect the new prescription.
- The new **Melatonin 2mg modified release tablets** should be used in exactly the same way as the old brand of medication. **They must not use both together.**
- Please read the patient information leaflet provided with the new medication.
- This letter only refers to the change to Melatonin 2mg modified-release tablets. All other medication should be taken as prescribed by the GP.

I hope you are happy about the reasons for this change. If you have any concerns or notice any changes in their condition, please contact the surgery.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of the doctors at

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