[PRACTICE HEADING]

**TEMPLATE A; To discharging Consultant Unit**

Dear [X]

**Ref: [Patient details]**

Thank you for your letter seeking to discharge [X] to our care following their bariatric surgery.

The British Obesity and Metabolic Society follows NICE guidance ([NG246](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng246)) and recommends that after two years specialist follow-up, patients can be discharged to the care of their NHS GP under a Shared Care Agreement (SCA).

There is no SCA commissioned locally by the ICB to support the workload associated with this care.

[X Practice] therefore cannot accept the discharge of this patient, and you therefore remain responsible for their continuing care.

[X Practice] recommend this matter is raised with ICB colleagues who, in consultation with the LMC, may be in a position to commission this care from General Practice.

With best wishes