[PRACTICE HEADING]

Dear [X]

**ref: Notice on uncommissioned follow-up care of patients two years after bariatric surgery**

The British Obesity and Metabolic Society and NICE ([NG246](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng246)) recommend that patients are followed up post-operatively for two years by a specialist bariatric service.

After this, patients can be monitored by General Practice under a Shared Care Agreement (SCA).

There is no Locally Commissioned SCA this practice can sign up to undertake this workload.

[X Practice] is therefore giving the ICB three months’ Notice, from the date of this letter, that it will not continue such follow-up. [X Practice] understands that SSLMCs is willing to negotiate a SCA to support this workload, and this Notice period is designed to give the ICB the opportunity to commission such a service locally, or sufficient time to arrange the safe transfer of care elsewhere.

Please let [X Practice] know where these patients should be referred in the event that no suitable SCA is made available after this Notice expires.

Yours sincerely