**Patient letter for change from Circadin to generic melatonin 2mg MR tablets**

<Insert practice letterhead>

Dear Patient or Carer,

The practice has been reviewing its prescribing of Circadin® tablets. This is to ensure we are prescribing the most cost-effective products using recommendations from local guidelines. As a result, we have changed your future prescriptions

From:

Circadin® tablets

to

Melatonin 2mg MR tablets

Melatonin 2mg MR tablets contain exactly the same active ingredient as your existing tablets, are the same strength and dose and **you should not notice any difference in effect.**

Your medication will be changed automatically so please order your next prescription in the usual way. Please use up any remaining Circadin® tablets first before requesting your next prescription.

If you have any queries regarding this letter, please speak to your pharmacist or the surgery.

*This change is supported by NHS Surrey Heartlands, working to enable all residents to enjoy the best possible healthcare.*

Yours sincerely

**AccuRx template message:**

Message 1:

Dear (PATIENT NAME)

Your prescription for Circadin® tablets will now be prescribed generically as melatonin 2mg MR tablets. Melatonin 2mg MR tablets contain exactly the same active ingredient as your existing tablets, are the same strength and dose and **you should not notice any difference in effect.**

If you have any queries, please speak to your GP or pharmacist.

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Many Thanks,

(INSERT MEDICINES OPTIMISATION TEAM MEMBER NAME AND JOB TITLE HERE)

Message 2:

Dear (PATIENT NAME)

We have reviewed your prescription for Circadin® tablets. Please find attached a letter to explain a change we have made with regard to this medication. If you are unable to view the letter, please contact the practice.

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 Many thanks,

(INSERT MEDICINES OPTIMISATION TEAM MEMBER NAME AND JOB TITLE HERE)

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Accurx automatically adds in the name of the person who is sending the text at the bottom of the message then underneath the practice name.