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Short Term Certification

We are aware that some employers sometimes ask employees to provide medical evidence to support sickness claims for periods of less than one week.

Please note that GPs are not required by law or by their contracts to provide sickness certificates for periods of less than one week. This practice does not provide such certificates under any circumstances. This is because we wish to discourage people from making appointments purely to obtain a certificate, when those appointments could be better used by other patients. We will, of course, see patients who need medical advice but we will not issue short term certificates. This letter is provided free of charge at reception for patients to take away and show to their employers, if necessary.

Yours sincerely

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