*[Practice name]*

*[Practice Address 1]*

*[Practice Address 2]*

*[Practice Address 3]*

*[Postcode]*

*[Date]*

[Patient name]

[Patient address1]

[Patient address 2]

[Patient address 3]

[Postcode]

Dear Patient

The NHS carries out regular reviews of medicines to make sure that patients continue to receive high quality and effective treatment while ensuring that the NHS gets better value for money.

The latest review involves a change in one of the medications on your prescription. The full details of the change are shown below, and this new medication will be given to you when you collect your next repeat prescription.

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| **WHAT YOU TAKE NOW** | **WHAT IT WILL CHANGE TO** |
| Prednisolone 5mg soluble tabletsDissolve [xxx] tablets in water  | Prednisolone [5mg or 1mg] tabletsTake [xxx] tablets [xxx times] daily – swallow tablets whole-OR-Dissolve [xxx] tablets in Xml water  |

**This new medicine is the same as your old medication, however the tablets can be swallowed whole or, if you have swallowing difficulties, they can be dissolved in at least 2ml (approximately half a teaspoon) water per tablet. For example, if you take 5 tablets at a time, then dissolve them in 10ml (at least 2 teaspoons) water.**  The new medicine has the advantage that it contains less sodium than your old soluble tablets. Please finish taking all the medication you currently have before starting on the newmedication. The appearance of the new tablets may differ from your previous product, however apart from this you should notice no difference at all.

**To obtain your next supply of medicines more efficiently, you can order a repeat prescription by logging into your account using the NHS app, which may be downloaded from the** [**NHS website**](https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-app/nhs-app-help-and-support/getting-started-with-the-nhs-app/)**. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you to only order the medicines you need each time you resubmit your repeat prescription request as this helps minimise medicine waste.**

If you are concerned or wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact the practice or your local community pharmacist.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the GPs at [Practice name]