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[Patient name]

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Dear Patient

The NHS carries out regular reviews of medicines to make sure that patients continue to receive high quality and effective treatment that costs the NHS less.

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 change in your medication will be given to you when you collect your next repeat prescription.

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| **WHAT YOU TAKE NOW**  **(Delete as appropriate)** | **WHAT IT WILL CHANGE TO**  **(Delete as appropriate)** |
| Omeprazole 1mg/ml, 10mg/5ml, 20mg/5ml SF suspension | Quarter/Half/One Lansoprazole 15mg orodispersible tablet  Lansoprazole 30mg orodispersible tablet |

**This new medicine contains a similar active ingredient from the same family as omeprazole, your old medication.**Please finish taking all the omeprazole suspension you currently have before starting on the new medicine. Giving the new lansoprazole orodispersible tablets to your child will be different as outlined below:

1.Lansoprazole orodispersible tablets can be placed on the tongue, allowed to disperse and swallowed, or may be swallowed whole with a glass of water.

2.For children, disperse in a small amount of water and administer orally using an oral syringe.

3.For smaller doses, you can halve or quarter the tablet using a pill cutter (see table above). **Note**: Do not keep the remainder of tablet to use for the next dose.

**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. 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 community pharmacy.

Yours sincerely