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***STRICTLY PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL***

***Addressee (Full Name)***

***Address 1***

***Address 2***

***Address 3***

***Address 4***

***Address 5***

Ref: ***[Sender’s Initials]/[Employee’s Initials]/[Number]***

***[Date]***

Dear ***[Employee Title, Employee Surname],***

**Re. Outcome of Stage 1 monitoring meeting**

I am writing to confirm the outcome of our Formal Review Meeting – Stage 1.

We met on ***[Date, time and location]*** to discuss your attendance levels.

Attending our meeting were ***[Names of Attendees]****. (If no representative was present include the following sentence)* You confirmed to me that you were happy to hold our meeting without a representative being present.

We held our meeting under the NHSBT’s Attendance policy.

Our meeting was held to discuss your sickness absences as they had unfortunately, hit one of the triggers set out in the policy; (\*Delete a*s appropriate)*

* \*a total of 15 working days sickness absence (or 3 weeks pro rata if you are part time) in a rolling 12 month period
* \*4 instances of sickness absence in a rolling 12 month period
* \*significant or unusual patterns or levels of absence which are causing concern

I explained that your sickness absences which caused you to hit the trigger were;

* ***[Absence dates and details]*** 18/1/16 to 29/1/16 10 working days (cold/flu)

We discussed ***[Put in information from the meeting here - notes that you have made and issues discussed and support offered/requested]***

(\*Delete paragraphs as appropriate to the outcome agreed)

**\***I explained that the Stage 112 month monitoring period set following your return to work date would be kept in place and therefore, your review period will be ***[Insert start date of monitoring – this must be the date your employee returned to work]*** to ***[Insert end date of review]***. During this period any support we discussed at our meeting will be provided and I hope this will help you, in being able to remain well enough not to have to take further sickness absence. I do however understand that, there may be occasions where you are not well enough to attend work, should this occur you should report your sickness absence as usual. I advised you that should your sickness absence reach any of the following;

* 10 working days sickness absence (or 2 weeks pro rata) or more
* 3 instances of absence or more
* where the level or pattern of absence continues to cause concern
* ***[Insert other standards set if different to the above and delete the above]***

I would need to meet with you under the next stage of the NHSBT’s Attendance policy which is Formal Review Meeting - Stage 2.

During your monitoring period I will keep in touch with you to continue to offer support to enable you to maintain a satisfactory level of attendance. I will also meet with you when you are due to finish the Stage 1 monitoring.

I hope that together we can ensure you will be able to improve your attendance levels.

OR

**\***I explained that due to the issues you have discussed with me about your sickness absence, on this occasion I do not feel that a sickness absence review would be suitable. I explained the reasons were; ***[Insert details of the reasons for not placing the employee on review e.g. use of discretion not to count one of the sickness absence dates or as it was due to an operation the sickness absence would not be considered etc].*** We therefore agreed that you would be removed from the review period.We also discussed that if you unfortunately had further sickness absences it would still be possible for you to hit a trigger in the next 12 month rolling period, as all future absences will continue to be considered under the Attendance policy.

(Include the next 2 paragraphs for either outcome)

\*I also wanted to remind you of our Employee Assistance Programme. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, providing professional help to deal with work or personal issues. If you feel you might benefit from accessing this programme you can either call the 24 hour telephone line on **0800 783 2808**.  Alternatively if you just wanted to find out more about it you can visit their website [www.employeecare.com](http://www.employeecare.com), the ‘access code’ and ‘password’ are both 72992.

\*If you have any questions please let me know by either calling me on ***[Telephone number]*** or email me at ***[Email address]***.

All details of this process under the Attendance policy should remain confidential and discussed only between those parties directly involved in the process, which could include family members, health professionals including EAP and your trade union representative.   Contents of correspondence and case details should not be disclosed to other parties. This requirement for confidentiality applies verbally, electronically, to use of social media and sharing hard copy content.

Yours sincerely,

***[Name]***

***[Job Title]***

***[cc:]***

***[Encl.]***