**Suggested Patient Template Letter**

GP practice details

Date

Dear (Patient name here)

You recently contacted the GP surgery to set a type 2 objection to prevent your confidential patient information being used for research and planning purposes.

We are writing to you to inform you that this type 2 objection has been set in error as it  
has been replaced by a new national data opt-out launched on 25 May (see attached handout for more information).

It is therefore important you understand that the type 2 objection you had set with us will  
not be applied and your confidential patient information will continue to be shared for  
research and planning purposes.

If you still wish to opt-out, you will need to record a national data opt-out that offers you a  
new way to prevent your confidential patient information from being used for research  
and planning. You can also find out more about the national data opt-out online at:  
[www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters](http://www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters)

Unfortunately, the national data opt-out cannot be set by the GP surgery, you can instead  
record your opt-out on line following the link above or by contacting: 0300 3035678.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this change causes you and hope that the  
information provided in this letter is helpful and provides you with an alternative should  
you wish to use it.

*GP practice signatory & signature block*