Dear

As part of our effort to keep NHS financially viable we are constantly reviewing our procedures. As a practice, we frequently review the medications we prescribe to ensure they are in line with current guidance and allow us to maximise available resources.

You are currently taking a medicine called

This medicine is now available as a “generic”. This means it is no longer protected by the original patent, so it can be manufactured and distributed by other companies. This results in more cost-effective prices for the NHS.

Thus, following Banes, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW) CCG advice, your GP has changed your repeat to

You do not need to do anything at this stage, just continue to take the remainder of the original medicine you have at home. When you order your next prescription, the generic version will be issued. We do not foresee any problem with this change, as this will contain the same drug in the same strength and pharmaceutical form. Please continue to take your new medicine exactly as you were taking the original one. You will notice a difference in the packaging and maybe the colour or shape of the tablets/capsules.

Many thanks for your cooperation