Dear Dr [enter GP name]

Re: [Patient name and DOB]

Site: [Enter hospital site name]

**Protective Ventilation with Higher versus Lower PEEP during General Anaesthesia for Surgery in Obese Patients**

**The PROBESE Study**

This patient has agreed to take part in the above research study, which is led by Professor Marcello De Gama of the Dept of Anaesthesia at the Carl Gustav University Hospital in Dresden, Germany. In the UK it is led by Professor Gary Mills of the Department of Anaesthesia and Critical Care Medicine, Northern General Hospital, Sheffield. Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is acting as the UK lead site and has coordinated the relevant approvals in the UK. We are performing a clinical trial to determine the effect of two levels of Positive End Expiratory Pressure (PEEP) and lung recruitment manoeuvres during anaesthesia and surgery in patients with a BMI over 35 kg/m2. The main aim is to determine which treatment is best able to reduce pulmonary complications.

As well as outcome data in the early postoperative period, participants will be followed up for 90 days.

If you want to find out any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

[PI Name and contact details]