Our Ref: [CIMS number]

Insert GP name and address Insert date

Dear colleague,

Recommended immunological investigation following a case of confirmed meningococcal disease: insert patient name, insert patient date of birth, insert patient NHS number.

The above patient was recently confirmed as having invasive meningococcal disease. This was found to be:

☐ caused by a rare meningococcal serogroup or by non-encapsulated (non-serogroupable) meningococci

☐ a repeat episode of meningococcal disease

☐ a case of MenA, C, W or Y disease after MenACWY conjugate vaccination

☐ a case with a close family history of invasive meningococcal disease

This makes it an unusual case of meningococcal disease in an apparently healthy, young individual and may indicate underlying immunodeficiency. In addition to inherited complement deficiencies, a number of medical conditions and treatments (in particular Eculizumab (Soliris®; Alexion)) can lead to acquired or secondary complement deficiency, which can increase susceptibility to invasive meningococcal disease.

We understand that this patient is not on Eculizumab. Therefore, we would recommend that this patient is referred to a consultant immunologist so that additional immunological investigations can be undertaken (for example, presence of spleen, splenic function, complement deficiency, HIV testing) to check for any underlying immunodeficiency.

If you have any questions about the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

[Name]

[Title]

[Contact details]