

GP letter

Hospital headed paper from xx hospital

Local Lead, XXX Hospital

Contact details

Date

(GP Name)

(GP Address)

Dear Dr.....

Patient name and date of birth

DiPALS Trial

The above named patient, who is registered at your practice, attended **XXX Hospital** on **date of attendance** and was recruited into the DiPALS Trial. A summary of the trial is enclosed.

The DiPALS Trial is a multicentre randomised trial to evaluate Diaphragm Pacing (DP) in addition to Non Invasive Ventilation (NIV) for patients with Motor Neurone Disease (MND) who develop respiratory failure. The trial is sponsored by Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and managed by University of Sheffield.

After obtaining consent, your patient will be randomised to one of 2 arms of the trial: 1) Standard Care arm: NIV alone 2) Trial Intervention arm: DP and NIV.

We will collect a combination of qualitative and quantitative data at 2, 3, 6, 9 and 12 month follow up appointments from your patient and their main carer. After 12 months' follow up, we will continue to collect survival data on your patient until the trial ends. The trial has been approved by the Cambridge Central research ethics committee.

You do not need to take any action in relation to your patient's participation in this trial, and their involvement in the trial should not influence the care they subsequently receive.

Please contact me, or the trial organisers at the University of Sheffield, if you have any concerns about your patient's participation in this trial or if you would like any more information.

Yours sincerely

Local Lead Investigator