**MR safety awareness and responsibilities as a referrer for MRI examinations**

Dear <clinical referrer>

Regarding patient: <name, chi>

Who attended for an MRI scan on: <date>

You recently referred the above patient for an MRI scan, however, on reviewing their medical history, the patient informed us that they had an <insert implant information> implant.

In this instance

<we were able to establish the implant safety information and proceed with the MR scan>

<we were unable to establish the implant safety information at short notice and therefore could not with proceed with the patient’s MR scan. The patient was sent home and their medical record will be reviewed in due course to see if they can be reappointed.>

<we were able to establish the implant safety information and identified the implant was not suitable for MRI / requires additional resources and so the MR scan was cancelled. >

This was explained to the patient. This event has been logged as a near-miss on our incident reporting system.

Implanted devices are classified as MR Unsafe, MR Conditional or MR Safe. Although rare, patient injuries and deaths have occurred as a result MRI scanning of undeclared implants.

Because of the increase in the number of near misses due to undeclared implants in the MR referral questions, we have made the decision to contact each referrer directly.

Yours sincerely,

<enter name> MR Responsible Person

<enter name> MR Safety Expert