{ MERGEFIELD MH_NREL_MH_NREL_TITLE } { MERGEFIELD MH_NREL_MH_NREL_INTS } { MERGEFIELD MH_NREL_MH_NREL_SURNAME } { MERGEFIELD MH_NREL_MH_NREL_ADD1 } { MERGEFIELD MH_NREL_MH_NREL_ADD2 } { MERGEFIELD MH_NREL_MH_NREL_ADD3 } { MERGEFIELD MH_NREL_MH_NREL_ADD4 } { MERGEFIELD MH_NREL_MH_NREL_POSTCOD }

> Please ask for: { MERGEFIELD

Your Ref:

Our Ref: { MERGEFIELD "MATTED EEE EADNED ID" * Date: { SET LtrDate { DATE

Dear { MERGEFIELD MH_NREL_MH_NREL_TITLE } { MERGEFIELD
MH_NREL_MH_NREL_SURNAME },

I am representing { MERGEFIELD LINKNAME_FORENAME_1 } { MERGEFIELD LINKNAME_SURNAME_1 } who is currently detained under section { MERGEFIELD MH_ADDCLIDETS_MH_SECTION } of the Mental Health Act 1983.

As a detained patient's Nearest Relative you have a limited power to discharge { IF { MERGEFIELD MH_ADDCLIDETS_MH_GENDER } = "Male" "him" "her" } from detention. You can only use this power once every six calendar months.

If you decide to use this power, you should to write to the Hospital Managers at { MERGEFIELD MH_PROFS_MH_HOSPITAL_name }. I would recommend using wording along the lines of the following.

As { MERGEFIELD LINKNAME_FORENAME_1 }'s statutory Nearest Relative, I wish to exercise my power under Section 23(2) of the Mental Health Act 1983 to discharge { IF { MERGEFIELD MH_ADDCLIDETS_MH_GENDER } = "Male" "him" "her" } from liability to detention.

{ MERGEFIELD LINKNAME_FORENAME_1 }'s Consultant Psychiatrist has three days from receiving your letter to bar your application if s/he thinks that { MERGEFIELD LINKNAME_FORENAME_1 } is likely to be a danger to { IF { MERGEFIELD MH_ADDCLIDETS_MH_GENDER } = "Male" "himself" "herself" } or others if discharged. This is a more stringent test than the ordinary test for detention. If your discharge is barred in this way, there will be a Hospital Managers' hearing at which you can challenge the barring order.

I hope this information is helpful, however should you wish to discuss this with me further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

{ MERGEFIELD CALCULATION_FEE_EARNER_DESCRIPTION } { MERGEFIELD PRACTICEINFO_PRACTICE_NAME }