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# Help us support your patient to return to or start work

Dear Title Surname

**RE**: [Title] [First name] [Surname] **DOB**:

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Your practice has been issuing fit notes to [Title] [First name] [Surname] since in respect of [select] disability/health condition. These fit notes support [select] claim for Employment and Support Allowance (ESA). ESA is the benefit for people when they can't work because of a health condition or disability.

### Helping people back into work

We assessed [Title] [First name] [Surname] on and decided that [select] **is capable of doing some work**, but this might not be the same type of work [select] may have done before.

We know most people are better off in work, so we are encouraging [Title] [First name] [Surname] to find out what type of work [select] may be able to do with [select] health condition or disability through focused support at [select] local Jobcentre Plus.

In the course of any further consultations with [Title] [First name] [Surname] we hope you will also encourage [select] in [select]

Please do not give
[Title] [First name]
[Surname] any more fit
notes relating to [select]
disability/health condition
for ESA purposes.

efforts to return to, or start, work.

## What this means for you

As a result of this decision, [Title] [Surname] is not entitled to ESA from and you do not need to provide any more fit notes to [select] relating to [select] disability/health condition for ESA purposes.

Guidance for GPs on completing fit notes is available at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/fit-note-guidance-forgps

Thanks for your help.

Yours sincerely,

Office manager

## **Equality and Diversity**

We are committed to treating people fairly, regardless of their disability, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, transgender status, marital or civil partnership status, age, religion or beliefs. Please contact us if you have any concerns.

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