



< Patient Name>
<Address line 1>
<Address line 2>
<Date>

Dear <name>

You are receiving this letter because our records show that during your recent admission to <name> hospital, you have been in contact (shared a room or bathroom) with another patient who was identified as carrying a bacterium or germ called < MRO> that requires special management. This does not mean you have this bacterium, however, on your next visit to hospital, you should be screened (have swabs taken) just to make sure.

This bacterium is known to be resistant to a number of antibiotics (this means the antibiotics are no longer effective) and it is known to spread easily between patients within hospitals. When a bacterium becomes resistant to antibiotics we call this a multi-resistant organism or MRO. We have enclosed a fact sheet on <MRO> to provide you with more information.

Because it is necessary to take extra care to prevent the spread of these bacteria in hospital, information that you have been in contact with a MRO has been stored on the hospital computer system which is confidential and securely protected. If you are readmitted to hospital, the staff will see this information and make sure you are screened for this MRO.

As there is not a standardised computer system across all WA hospitals, if you are admitted to a different hospital, the staff may not be able to see this information. It is important that you tell the staff at any hospital that you have been in contact with < MRO> and you should take this letter with you to show them.

Finally, we would like to reassure you that having been in contact with <insert MRO> should not be a problem for you or your family at home, or in the workplace and you do not have to do anything differently. If you have any further concerns please contact < name or service> on <telephone> between <hours of access>

Thank you for taking the time to read this information.

Yours sincerely

<name>
<position>
<department>