

## Appendix 20 – Letter Suggesting Review of Oxycodone and Amitriptyline (19)

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[Patient Address Block]

Dear [Title] [Surname]

### **Oxycodone and Amitriptyline**

Our records show you are currently being prescribed both Oxycodone and Amitriptyline.

We have recently been made aware of a potentially serious interaction between Oxycodone and Amitriptyline. This interaction can lead to a risk of over-sedation. In rare circumstances it has contributed to the death of some patients.

At <<**Practice name**>> patient safety is our priority so in view of this recent information we have taken a decision that we need to review your Oxycodone and Amitriptyline with the aim of reducing and stopping one of these medications.

Neither drug should not be stopped abruptly; we will need to discuss a withdrawal timetable with you and possibly the substitution of an alternative medicine should this be necessary.

Please book an appointment within 28 days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions in the meantime please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank You for your understanding & co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Dr XXX and partners