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To the Employer

This is to confirm that the signatory of this form SC2 contacted the surgery on the above date stating that he/she was unfit for work.

It is our policy not to issue 'private' certificates as a consequence of employer's refusal to accept self certification as dictated by current legislation. The demand for doctor's time for genuine medical need is now such that we can no longer allow access for sick people to the doctors to be obstructed as a consequence of the administrative policies at a patient's place of work.

We consider that any pressure by employers to coerce general practitioners into involvement in the policing of sick leave is an abuse of the National Health Service.

Under no circumstances will we co-operate with any such system. Employers may with the written consent of the patient, request a private medical report from the surgery. A fee will be charged to the employer in accordance with the scale of charges suggested by the British Medical Association.

Yours faithfully

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