*[Practice name]*

*[Practice Address 1]*

*[Practice Address 2]*

*[Practice Address 3]*

*[Postcode]*

*[Date]*

[Patient name]

[Patient address1]

[Patient address 2]

[Patient address 3]

[Postcode]

Dear Patient

The NHS carries out regular reviews of medicines to make sure that patients continue to receive high quality and effective treatment that costs the NHS less.

The latest review involves a change in one of the medications on your prescription. We are sharing this letter with you following a review between yourself and a member of our team, where we discussed making this change. The full details of the change are shown below and this change in your medication will be given to you when you collect your next repeat prescription. A helpful benefit of this change is that you may find these tablets easier to store and carry. They do not require measuring and can be more convenient to take. The full details of the change are shown below, and this new medication will be given to you when you collect your next repeat prescription.

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| **WHAT YOU TAKE NOW** | **WHAT IT WILL CHANGE TO** |
| Venlafaxine 75 mg/5ml oral **solution** sugar free | Venlafaxine 75mg **tablets** |
| **Take Xmls daily (Add as appropriate)** | **Take X tablets daily (Add as appropriate)** |

**This new medicine contains the same active ingredient (venlafaxine) as your old medication.**Finish using all the old solution you currently have before starting on the new tablets.

Please read the information leaflet given with your new venlafaxine tablets carefully before you start using this medicine. Using the new tablets will be different as you will need to swallow them whole.

**To obtain your next supply of medicines more efficiently, you can order a repeat prescription by logging into your account using the NHS app which may be downloaded from the NHS website. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you to only order the medicines you need each time you resubmit your repeat prescription request as this helps minimise medicine waste.**

If you are concerned or wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact the practice or community pharmacy.

Yours sincerely