## Appendix 8: Template letter to GP for occupational contact

<Insert Department of Public Health address>

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Doctor,

Re:

Date of Birth:

Address:

The above named patient works with poultry, which have been or may be potentially infected with avian influenza. Avian influenza may cause a range of human illnesses, the severity of which is determined by the particular subtype involved. Symptoms may include fever, and acute respiratory symptoms.

Oseltamivir protects against this infection when taken as prophylaxis and can also be used to treat the disease. Your patient has been given a supply of oseltamivir by Public Health as prophylaxis, as he/she is involved in outbreak control activities associated with avian influenza. While working he/she is using Personal Protective Equipment. He/she is being asked to monitor for symptoms suggestive of avian influenza, and to report any symptoms to Public Health.

For further information on avian influenza, please see guidance at the HPSC website [www.hpsc.ie](http://www.hpsc.ie) and also the enclosed algorithm for assessment of febrile patients with possible avian influenza.

Yours etc