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## Hospital sickness certificate poster

In late May Dr Michelle Drage wrote to London Hospital Trusts asking them to put up a poster which explains to patients that they can get fit notes from hospital doctors and do not need to book a post-discharge GP appointment if they do so. So far two Trusts have responded to say they will display the poster.

Specifically the poster suggests that patients:

Please ask your hospital doctor to issue a 'fit note'; they can also issue a certificate to confirm that you have been an inpatient.

This 'fit note' will cover the expected time that you will be unable to work, so you don't have to ask your GP for one after you leave hospital.

If you have any questions please speak to your hospital nurse or doctor.